

# The VIA Classification of Character Strengths and Virtues

## VIRTUE OF *Wisdom*



**CREATIVITY**  
Original & Adaptive,  
Clever, A problem  
solver, Sees and does  
things in different ways



**CURIOSITY**  
Interested,  
Explores new things,  
Open to new ideas



**JUDGMENT**  
A critical thinker,  
Thinks things through,  
Open minded



**LOVE OF  
LEARNING**  
Masters new skills &  
topics, Systematically  
adds to knowledge



**PERSPECTIVE**  
Wise, Provides wise  
counsel, Takes the big  
picture view

## VIRTUE OF *Courage*



**BRAVERY**  
Shows valor, Doesn't shrink  
from fear, Speaks up for  
what's right



**PERSEVERANCE**  
Persistent,  
Industrious,  
Finishes what one starts



**HONESTY**  
Authentic,  
Trustworthy,  
Sincere



**ZEST**  
Enthusiastic, Energetic,  
Doesn't do things  
half-heartedly

## VIRTUE OF *Humanity*



**LOVE**  
Warm and genuine,  
Values close relationships



**KINDNESS**  
Generous, Nurturing,  
Caring, Compassionate,  
Altruistic



**SOCIAL INTELLIGENCE**  
Aware of the motives and  
feelings of others, Knows what  
makes others tick

## VIRTUE OF *Justice*



**TEAMWORK**  
Team player,  
Socially responsible,  
Loyal



**FAIRNESS**  
Just, Doesn't let feelings bias  
decisions about others



**LEADERSHIP**  
Organizes group activities,  
Encourages a group to get  
things done

## VIRTUE OF *Temperance*



**FORGIVENESS**  
Merciful, Accepts others'  
shortcomings, Gives people  
a second chance



**HUMILITY**  
Modest, Lets one's  
accomplishments speak  
for themselves



**PRUDENCE**  
Careful, Cautious,  
Doesn't take undue risk



**SELF-REGULATION**  
Self-controlled,  
Manages impulses  
and emotions

## VIRTUE OF *Transcendence*



**APPRECIATION OF  
BEAUTY &  
EXCELLENCE**  
Feels awe & wonder in  
beauty, Inspired by  
goodness of others



**GRATITUDE**  
Thankful for the good,  
Expresses thanks,  
Feels blessed



**HOPE**  
Optimistic,  
Future-minded



**HUMOR**  
Playful,  
Brings smiles to others,  
Lighthearted



**SPIRITUALITY**  
Searches for meaning,  
Feels a sense of  
purpose, Senses a  
relationship with the  
sacred