

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