



# 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