

VIA Classification of Character Strengths and Virtues

Virtue of Wisdom



Creativity

Original, adaptive, ingenuity, seeing and doing things in different ways



Curiosity

Interest, novelty-seeking, exploration, openness to experience



Judgment

Critical thinking, thinking through all sides, not jumping to conclusions



Love of Learning

Mastering new skills & topics, systematically adding to knowledge



Perspective

Wisdom, providing wise counsel, taking the big picture view

Virtue of Courage



Bravery

Valor, not shrinking from threat or challenge, facing fears, speaking up for what's right



Perseverance

Persistence, industry, finishing what one starts, overcoming obstacles



Honesty

Authenticity, being true to oneself, sincerity without pretense, integrity



Zest

Vitality, enthusiasm for life, vigor, energy, not doing things half-heartedly

Virtue of Humanity



Love

Both loving and being loved, valuing close relations with others, genuine warmth



Kindness

Generosity, nurturance, care, compassion, altruism, doing for others



Social Intelligence

Aware of the motives and feelings of oneself and others, knows what makes others tick



Teamwork

Citizenship, social responsibility, loyalty, contributing to a group effort



Fairness

Adhering to principles of justice, not allowing feelings to bias decisions about others



Leadership

Organizing group activities to get things done, positively influencing others

Virtue of Justice

Virtue of Temperance



Forgiveness

Mercy, accepting others' shortcomings, giving people a second chance, letting go of hurt



Humility

Modesty, letting one's accomplishments speak for themselves



Prudence

Careful about one's choices, cautious, not taking undue risks



Self-Regulation

Self-control, disciplined, managing impulses, emotions, and vices

Virtue of Transcendence



Appreciation of Beauty & Excellence

Awe and wonder for beauty, admiration for skill and moral greatness



Gratitude

Thankful for the good, expressing thanks, feeling blessed



Hope

Optimism, positive future-mindedness, expecting the best & working to achieve it



Humor

Playfulness, bringing smiles to others, lighthearted – seeing the lighter side



Spirituality

Connecting with the sacred, purpose, meaning, faith, religiousness