

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

Shows valor, Doesn't shrink

from fear, Speaks up for

what's right



Interested, Explores new things. Open to new ideas



A critical thinker, Thinks things through, Open minded

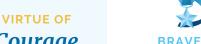


Masters new skills & topics, Systematically adds to knowledge



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

Courage





PERSEVERANCE Persistent, Industrious, Finishes what one starts



Authentic, Trustworthy, Sincere



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

VIRTUE OF

Humanity



Warm and genuine, Values close relationships



Generous, Nurturing, Caring, Compassionate, Altruistic



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

VIRTUE OF Iustice

Team player, Socially responsible, Loyal



Just, Doesn't let feelings bias decisions about others



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

VIRTUE OF Temperance



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



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



goodness of others



Thankful for the good, Expresses thanks, Feels blessed



Optimistic, Future-minded



Playful, Brings smiles to others, Lighthearted



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