

# The VIA Classification of **24 Character Strengths**

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# **WISDOM**

#### **CREATIVITY**

- Originality
- Adaptive
- Ingenuity

#### **CURIOSITY**

- Interest
- Novelty-Seeking
- Exploration
- Openness

#### **JUDGMENT**

- Critical Thinking
- Thinking Things Through
- Open-mindedness

#### LOVE OF LEARNING

- Mastering New Skills & Topics
- Systematically Adding to Knowledge

#### **PERSPECTIVE**

- Wisdom
- Providing Wise Counsel
- Taking the Big Picture View

# COURAGE

#### **BRAVERY**

- Valor
- Not Shrinking from
- Speaking Up for What's Right

#### **PERSEVERANCE**

- Persistence
- Industry
- Finishing What One Starts

#### **HONESTY**

- Authenticity
- Integrity

#### **ZEST**

- Vitality
- Enthusiasm
- Vigor
- Energy
- Feeling Alive



# **HUMANITY**

#### **LOVE**

- Both Loving and Being Loved
- Valuing Close Relations with Others

#### **KINDNESS**

- Generosity
- Nurturance
- Care & Compassion
- Altruism
- "Niceness"



#### **SOCIAL INTELLIGENCE**

- Aware of the Motives/ Feelings of Self/Others
- Knowing what Makes

# **JUSTICE**

#### **TEAMWORK**

- Citizenship
- Social Responsibility
- Loyalty





### **FAIRNESS**

- Just
- Not Letting Feelings Bias Decisions About Others

#### **LEADERSHIP**

- Organizing Group
- Encouraging a Group to Get Things Done

## **TEMPERANCE**



#### **FORGIVENESS**

- Mercy
- Accepting Others' **Shortcomings**
- Giving People a Second Chance

#### **HUMILITY**

- Modestv
- Letting One's Accomplishments Speak for Themselves

#### **PRUDENCE**

- Careful
- Cautious
- Not Taking Undue Risks

#### **SELF-REGULATION**

- Self-Control
- Disciplined
- Managing Impulses & Emotions

# **TRANSCENDENCE**

### APPRECIATION OF BEAUTY & EXCELLENCE

- Awe
- Wonder
- Elevation

#### **GRATITUDE**

- Thankful for the Good
- Expressing Thanks
- Feeling Blessed

#### HOPE

- Optimism
- Future-Mindedness
- Future Orientation

#### **HUMOR**

- Playfulness
- Bringing Smiles to Others
- Lighthearted

#### **SPIRITUALITY**

- Religiousness
- Faith
- Purpose