

## The VIA Classification of 24 Character Strengths

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WISDOM	CREATIVITY • Originality • Adaptive • Ingenuity	CURIOSITY <ul> <li>Interest</li> <li>Novelty-Seeking</li> <li>Exploration</li> <li>Openness</li> </ul>	JUDGMENT  Critical Thinking Thinking Things Through Open-mindedness	LOVE OF LEARNING • Mastering New Skills & Topics • Systematically Adding to Knowledge	<ul> <li>PERSPECTIVE</li> <li>Wisdom</li> <li>Providing Wise Counsel</li> <li>Taking the Big Picture View</li> </ul>
COURAGE	<ul> <li>BRAVERY</li> <li>Valor</li> <li>Not Shrinking from Fear</li> <li>Speaking Up for What's Right</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>PERSEVERANCE</li> <li>Persistence</li> <li>Industry</li> <li>Finishing What One Starts</li> </ul>	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 Other People Tick
JUSTICE	<b>TEAMWORK</b> <ul> <li>Citizenship</li> <li>Social</li> <li>Responsibility</li> <li>Loyalty</li> </ul>			FAIRNESS  Just Not Letting Feelings Bias Decisions About Others	<ul> <li>LEADERSHIP</li> <li>Organizing Group Activities</li> <li>Encouraging a Group to Get Things Done</li> </ul>
TEMPERANCE		<ul> <li>FORGIVENESS</li> <li>Mercy</li> <li>Accepting Others' Shortcomings</li> <li>Giving People a Second Chance</li> </ul>	HUMILITY • Modesty • Letting One's Accomplishments Speak for Themselves	PRUDENCE  Careful Cautious Not Taking Undue Risks	<ul> <li>SELF-REGULATION</li> <li>Self-Control</li> <li>Disciplined</li> <li>Managing Impulses &amp; Emotions</li> </ul>
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  • Meaning