

## Virtues Cards



### Faith

Our free response to God to believe in Him and the truths He has revealed to us. Faith is a theological virtue.

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.

JOHN 3:16

**Reflection Question:** Why did God give His Son for us? Can you connect all three theological virtues to this quotation? Explain.



### Hope

Our free response to God to trust in His promises. Hope is a theological virtue.

But when the kindness and generous love of God our savior appeared, not because of any righteous deeds we had done but because of his mercy, he saved us through the bath of rebirth and renewal by the holy Spirit, whom he richly poured out on us through Jesus Christ our savior, so that we might be justified by his grace and become heirs in hope of eternal life. This saying is trustworthy.

TITUS 3:4-8

**Reflection Question:** What are the differences between waiting for something to happen and hoping it will happen?



## Love

Our free response to God to love Him above all and to love our neighbor for God's sake. Love is the highest theological virtue.

We have come to know and to believe in the love God has for us.

God is love, and whoever remains in love remains in God and God in him.

1 JOHN 4:16

**Reflection Question:** Is love what God *does* or who God *is*? What is the difference?



## Prudence

Knowing what is right and taking the correct action to do it. Prudence is a cardinal virtue.

Or if one loves righteousness, whose works are virtues, She teaches moderation and prudence, righteousness and fortitude, and nothing in life is more useful than these.

WISDOM 8:7

**Reflection Question:** Why is it sometimes hard to act according to what is right?



## Justice

Giving God and neighbor their due. Justice is a cardinal virtue.

You shall not act dishonestly in rendering judgment. Show neither partiality to the weak nor deference to the mighty, but judge your neighbor justly.

LEVITICUS 19:15

**Reflection Question:** How do you know what someone is due? Do any of God's commandments help you know the answer to this question?



## Temperance

Avoiding too much or too little of things; balancing desires. Temperance is a cardinal virtue.

For the grace of God has appeared, saving all and training us to reject godless ways and worldly desires and to live temperately, justly, and devoutly in this age.

TITUS 2:11-12

**Reflection Question:** What are some activities you might be doing too much of? What are some activities you should be doing more often?



## Fortitude



A steady will to do good, in spite of difficulties. Fortitude is a gift of the Holy Spirit and a cardinal virtue.

I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.

JOHN 16:33 (NIV)

**Reflection Question:** Why do you think Jesus tells us to “take heart”? What does the heart have to do with fortitude?