**List of Virtues and Vices**

**THEOLOGICAL VIRTUES**

Form our relationship to God

Infused, not gained by effort

# Faith: accepting the Word of God

## Acts: Internal Act: to believe; External Act: to profess

## Vices against Faith

### ***Unbelief*** (*decision not to believe*), ***Heresy*** (*stubborn contradiction of faith*), ***Apostasy***

### ***Blasphemy***

## Sins, conditions contrary to Faith: *anxiety*

# Hope: striving for heaven

## Charism: Fear of the Lord

### Servile fear

### Filial fear

### *Worldly fear*

## Vices against Hope:

### ***Despair*** -(*abandonment of hope*); ***Presumption*** *(insult God by presuming that God will save us in spite of our evil will*)

# Charity: friendship with God.

Disposes the will to act easily and with delight in serving God.

## Effects of Charity:

### **Joy** (opposed by ***uncaring, envy***)

### **Peace** (opposed by ***discord*** (*vainglory makes them cling to their own will*), ***contention*** (*bickering, arguing unreasonably; vainglory makes them cling to their own opinion*), ***schism*** (*breaking away, destroying unity*), ***quarreling*** & ***strife***

### **Mercy**

### **Good deeds**, ***scandal*** (*bad example, which upsets someone who is unsettled in clinging to the good)*

### **Almsdeeds**,

### **Fraternal Correction**

#### Always an obligation if a discreet word could lead a sinner to repentance

#### Is an act of justice by an authority; an act of charity by peer.

#### Is not to be done to cover one’s own sins; yet does not require one be sinless (cf. the “Good Thief”)

#### Order (Mt 18:15): 1) privately; 2) with one or two others; 3) publicly

## Charism: Wisdom

## Vices against Charity: *Uncaring, Hatred*

**CAPITAL VICES AND THEIR DAUGHTERS**

# *Pride -* S*umma Theologiae SS Q 162 A 4 Obj 1*

"There are four marks by which every kind of pride of the arrogant betrays itself;

* they think that their good is from themselves,
* they believe it to be from above, yet they think that it is due to their own merits;
* they boast of having what they have not,
* despise others and wish to appear the exclusive possessors of what they have."

St. Gregory, (Moral. xxiii, 6):

# *Capital Vices – 44 Daughters*

## *Vainglory -7-Summa Theologiae SS Q 132 A 5 Thes*

*disobedience, boasting, hypocrisy, contention, pertinance, discord, presumption of being the latest and greatest*

## *Envy -5-Summa Theologiae SS Q 36 A 4 Obj 3*

*hatred, spreading rumors, detraction, exaltation at adversity of a neighbor, affliction at their prosperity.*

## *Anger -6-Summa Theologiae SS Q 158 A 7 Obj 1*

*argumentative, getting a big head, insulting, shouting, getting indignant, blasphemy*

## *Uncaring -6-Summa Theologiae SS Q 35 A 4 Obj 2*

*malice, rancor, wimpy, despair, torpor about precepts, mind wandering after illicit.*

## *Avarice -7-Summa Theologiae SS Q 118 A 8 Thes*

*treachery, fraud, falsehood, perjury, inquietude, violence, and hardness contrary to mercy*

## *Gluttony -5-Summa Theologiae SS Q 148 A 6 Obj 1*

*silly gladness, scurrility, uncleanness, talkative, and dullness of mind about understanding.*

## *Luxury -8-Summa Theologiae SS Q 153 A 5 Obj 1*

*mental blindness, inconsiderate, inconstancy, rashness, self-love, hatred of God, affection for this world and abhorrence or despair of a future world.*

**CARDINAL VIRTUES**

# Prudence: knowing how to act

## Parts & helps:

### memory, understanding, docility, shrewdness, reason, foresight, circumspection, caution

### The Ten Commandments are all directed to Prudence

## Charism: Counsel - divine advice and guidance of the Holy Spirit. The way to go.

## Vices: *Imprudence*. Most all due to disordered desire for pleasure.

### ***Rashness*** - *rushing into action*

### ***Thoughtlessness*** - *contempt or negligence of right judgment*

### ***Inconstancy*** - *letting go of a good resolution.*

### ***Negligence*** - *lack of due care*

### ***Fleshly prudence*** - *seems prudent but only for fleshly goal*.

### ***Craftiness, guile, fraud, over-anxious*** *about material things*.

# Justice: rendering to everyone what is their due

## Judgment (an authoritative statement about what is right), Restitution

## Acts: Devotion, Prayer

## Virtues Related to Justice

### **Religion**: Giving God proper due

#### Acts of Religion: Adoration, sacrifice, oblations (offerings), tithes, vows, oaths, adjuration (demand an oath), praise

#### Vices opposed: ***superstition*** (***idolatry, divinations, magic, charms, fortunetelling***)

#### Sins: ***irreligion***: ***tempting God, sacrilige*** (*misuse of what is sacred*), ***simony*** (*buying or selling something spiritual*)

### **Piety**: show deference, honor and veneration to those having a place of excellence

#### virtue of **Observance**: giving honor and respect to those in positions of dignity

#### Gift of piety: filial relation to honor God as Father.

### **Obedience** - conforming one’s conduct to the command of a superior. ***Disobedience*** is essentially contempt of a just command or rule.

### **Gratitude:** acknowledgment of favors by graciousness in receiving them, and by the thankful disposition of the heart. We are to render thanks to every benefactor, by the measure of their goodwill in giving it, not the size of the gift. Gratitude exceeds the favor received. Opposed: ***ingratitude*** - *failure to return a favor, or express thanks, or notice it at all*.

### **Charity in Devotion**: Give service to God. Gives us joy.

### **Vengeance**: giving corrective punishment to remove harm and prevent it in future.

### **Truthfulness**

#### Vices opposed: ***lying, hypocrisy, boasting, irony*** (*pretending not to have good qualities*)

### **Friendliness**

#### Vices opposed: ***flattery, quarreling***

### **Generosity**

#### Vices opposed: ***covetousness, prodigality*** (*careless wasting of riches*)

### **Equity** - applying well a general law to a special case

## Charism of Piety

## Injustice: witholding what is one’s right (but can only be suffered against one’s will).

### Opposed: ***respect of persons*** - ***favoritism; murder, mutilation, theft, robbery, unjust accusation, reviling*** (*dishonoring a person*), ***backbiting*** (*secret injuring of one’s name*), ***whispering*** (*gossip*), ***derision*** (*laughing to scorn*), ***cursing, cheating, usury*** (*charging excessive interest*)

# Fortitude: withstanding the greatest difficulties

Withstanding the greatest difficulties that block the goal. It overcomes the paralysis of fear, and moderates daring. Essentially, overcomes death. Martrydom is an act of fortitude.

## Parts of Fortitude: magnificence (high goals with noble purpose); confidence, firm hope; patience; perseverance

## Charism of Fortitude: moves one to be steady with confidence in danger and to desire virtue and works of justice.

## Virtues Related to Fortitude:

### **Magnanimity** (greatness of soul) - desiring, possessing, and showing high and true honors;

### **Magnificence** (doing great things for God in quality, quantity, value, dignity); which is opposed to ***meanness*** (*trying to do little when much is called for, or being cheap*);

### **Patience** (due to love of God, bearing up to evils that make one sad and break their spirit);

### **Perseverance** (hold steadily to a good purpose; opposed by softness, stubborness)

## Vices contrary to Fortitude:

### ***timidity*** or ***cowardliness***, ***insensibility*** to fear (*pride or lack of love*), ***foolhardiness*** (*overbold, unreasonable daring*); ***presumption***, ***ambition***; ***vainglory*** (*praise for something or someone unworthy, or unrelated to God*); ***faintheartedness*** (*refusing to face difficulties one actually has the strength to conquer*)

# Temperance: acting in accord with reason

Acting in accord with reason, controlling desires and pleasures

## Parts of Temperance: shamefacedness (keeping from shame of intemperance) and honesty, which brings beauty to the soul.

## Virtues related to Temperance:

### **Abstinence** (giving up certain kinds of food), opposed to ***gluttony*** (*indulgence in pleasures of the palate; a capital sin*)

### **Fasting** (refraining from eating; useful for: controlling lusts of the flesh; freeing the mind from bodily concerns to contemplate heavenly things; penance);

### **Sobriety**; opposed to ***drunkenness***

### **Chastity;** opposed to ***Lust***, a capital sin; **virginity** (not a condition of the body but the integrity of the flesh and a consecration to God); **Continence** (steadfast resistance of sexual desires), opposed to ***Incontinence*** (*impulsive and weak surrender to evil desires*);

### **Clemency** (moderates anger of one having authority), **Meekness** (moderates anger in one’s own soul); opposed to Anger (not just the emotion, but a desire for revenge, a capital sin); ***Cruelty*** (hardness of heart);

### **Modesty** (regulates mild desires); **Humility** (moderates impulsive or strong desires), opposed to ***Pride***, a capital sin.

## Vices opposed to Temperance:

### ***Intemperance*** (*being childish*);