

MORAL VIRTUES

FORTITUDE (THE WILLINGNESS TO ENGAGE THE ARDUOUS)

1. Magnanimity: The virtue by which one seeks excellence in all things but especially great things
2. Magnificence: The virtue by which one uses his wealth to do great things
3. Patience: The ability to suffer evils well or the equanimity in the face of evils
4. Perseverance: The virtue by which one persists in the arduous good until the end is achieved
5. Longanimity: Longness of Soul; the ability to await the good
6. Mortification: the willingness to suffer

VICE CONTRA FORTITUDE

1. Fear: The vice in which one has an unmoderated passion arising from the perception of future evil
2. Fearlessness: Lack of moderated fear
3. Audacity: Excessive aggressiveness toward imminent danger without reasonable fear
4. Presumption: Thinking one can attain some end which is beyond him without aid, usually from God
5. Ambition: Striving for honor above one's excellence
6. Inane Glory: Seeking honor in those things unworthy of honor
7. Pusillanimity: Smallness of Soul, the habit of not striving for excellence
8. Parvificence or Stinginess: Unwillingness to use one's wealth to do great things
9. Mollities or Softness (Effeminacy): an unwillingness to put aside pleasure in order to engage the arduous
10. Pertinacity: Excessive clinging to one's assertions or intellectual convictions