

# Growing in Virtue

## 4<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades

### Definitions and Verses

- 1. Faith:** is the theological virtue by which we believe in God and believe all that he has said and revealed to us because he is truth itself.  
**Hebrews 11:1** "Now faith is the confidence in what we hope for and the assurance about what we do not see."
- 2. Hope:** is the theological virtue by which we desire the kingdom of heaven and eternal life as our happiness, placing our trust in Christ's promises and relying not on our own strength but on the grace of the Holy Spirit.  
**Romans 8:24-25** "For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently."
- 3. Charity:** is the theological virtue by which we love God above all things for his own sake, and our neighbors as ourselves for the love of God.  
**1 Corinthians 13:4-7** "Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres."
- 4. Prudence:** is the moral virtue that disposes practical reason to discern our true good in every circumstance and to choose the right means of achieving it.  
**Proverbs 8:12** "I, wisdom, dwell together with prudence; I possess knowledge and discretion."
- 5. Justice:** is the moral virtue that consists in the constant and firm will to give their due to God and neighbor.  
**Proverbs 21:15** "When justice is done, it brings joy to the righteous but terror to evildoers."
- 6. Fortitude:** is the moral virtue that ensures firmness in difficulties and constancy in the pursuit of the good.  
**Ephesians 6:10** "Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power."
- 7. Temperance:** is the moral virtue that moderates the attraction of pleasures and provides balance in the use of created goods.  
**Titus 2:12** "It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live a self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age."