

THE 4 CARDINAL VIRTUES

These four cardinal virtues have been derived from various sources and are no doubt found in many different forms and terms within the Old Testament of the Bible. Socrates (469-399 BC) mentions them in various forms, too. But it was Plato (427-347 BC) that first enumerated the system from which the four cardinal virtues would spring. And it was – most notably – St. Ambrose, St. Augustine and St. Thomas Aquinas who would further refer, support, and expound upon them within Christianity, helping to make them cornerstones of Western Philosophy.

These should be important to us because, as the Catechism says, “They make possible ease, self-mastery, and joy in leading a morally good life.”

	PRUDENCE	JUSTICE	FORTITUDE	TEMPERANCE
BIBLE	<p><u>Wisdom 7:7</u> reference: <u>1 Kings 3:5-15</u> <u>Proverbs 2:3-11</u></p> <p><u>Wisdom 8:6,7,18,21</u> references: <u>Proverbs 8:14-15</u> <u>1 Kings 3:9</u> <u>1 Kings 5:9</u> <u>Proverbs 2:6</u> <u>James 1:5</u></p>	<p><u>Wisdom 8:7</u> reference: <u>Proverbs 8:14-15</u></p> <p><u>Psalms 72:2</u> reference: <u>Proverbs 31:8-9</u></p> <p><u>Hosea 10:4,12</u> reference: <u>Amos 6:12</u></p> <p><u>Leviticus 19:15</u> references: <u>Exodus 23:2-3</u> <u>Deuteronomy 1:17</u> <u>Deuteronomy 16:19</u> <u>Psalms 82:2</u> <u>Proverbs 24:23</u></p> <p><u>Colossians 4:1</u> reference: none</p>	<p><u>Wisdom 8:7</u> reference: <u>Proverbs 8:14-15</u></p>	<p><u>Wisdom 8:7</u> reference: <u>Proverbs 8:14-15</u></p>
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