



Leadership and the Liberal Arts

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Lecture 2: The Moral Virtues

Outline:

Civil Virtues

- Be informed.
- What is civil behavior?
 - Listen.
 - Show appreciation.
 - Show concern for those who are less fortunate.
 - Have good conversations.
 - Work and contribution, paying taxes
 - Generosity

Moral Virtues

- Chastity – purity abstinence
- Temperance – humanity, equanimity
- Charity – will, benevolence, generosity, sacrifice
- Diligence – persistence, effortfulness, ethics
- Patience – forgiveness, mercy
- Kindness – satisfaction
- Humility – bravery, modesty, reverence

Moral Virtues and Vices

- Capital Sins
- Fountain Sins
- Root Sins
- Source Sins
- Deadly Sins

The Four Cardinal Virtues

- **Prudence:** Good that exists by the act of reason
 - Prudence is able to see what the true state of affairs is.
 - You want to see before you act.
 - Prudence is a cognition or perception.
- **Justice:** Good put into order in operations
- **Fortitude:** Good imposed into order by curbing passions
- **Temperance:** Good imposed into order by strengthening against fear



The Four Cardinal Virtues as Love

- **Augustine:** Love orients, guides, and orders the virtuous life.
- “For these four virtues...I should have no hesitation in defining them: that **temperance** is love giving itself entirely to what is loved; **fortitude** is love readily bearing all things for the sake of the loved object; **justice** is love serving only the loved object and therefore ruling rightly; **prudence** is love distinguishing with sagacity between what hinders it and what helps it. (*De moribus eccl.*, Chap. xv)

Three Theological Virtues

- Faith
- Hope
- Love

Virtues Pictured in Art and Architecture

- The Four Cardinal Virtues (painting, sculpture, woodcut, stained glass window)
- The Raphael Room of the Vatican

These were not seen to be in conflict with the Christian faith.

- The cardinal virtues need to be in harmony with faith, hope, and love.
- Proverbs 2
- John 5:41-42
- John 7:17
- John 8
- Jeremiah 29:13
- Matthew 7:7