

## Masonry 101 - List of Virtues

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| 1  | <b>Acceptance</b>     | To consider circumstances, especially those that can not be changed, as satisfactory.  |
| 2  | <b>Accountability</b> | The quality or state of being accountable; especially: an obligation or willingness to accept responsibility or to account for one's actions.                |
| 3  | <b>Ambition</b>       | Having a strong desire for success or achievement.   |
| 4  | <b>Assertiveness</b>  | Disposed to or characterized by bold or confident assertion.   |
| 5  | <b>Awe</b>            | Reverence and wonder, deep respect for the source of life.   |
| 6  | <b>Beauty</b>         | The quality or aggregate of qualities in a person or thing that gives pleasure to the senses or pleasurably exalts the mind or spirit.<br>Aesthetic harmony. |
| 7  | <b>Benevolence</b>    | The disposition to do good.  |
| 8  | <b>Bravery</b>        | A quality of spirit that enables you to face danger of pain without showing fear.  |
| 9  | <b>Caring</b>         | to give care. A concern for...   |
| 10 | <b>Caution</b>        | Avoidance of rashness, attention to safety.  |
| 11 | <b>Charity</b>        | Generosity and helpfulness especially toward the needy or suffering.<br>Aid given to those in need.  |
| 12 | <b>Chastity</b>       | Purity in conduct and intention.   |
| 13 | <b>Cheerfulness:</b>  | Seeing the bright side, looking for the good in whatever happens.  |
| 14 | <b>Caution</b>        | Avoidance of rashness, attention to safety.  |
| 15 | <b>Cleanliness</b>    | Careful to keep clean : fastidious, habitually kept clean.   |
| 16 | <b>Commitment</b>     | The firm carrying out of purpose.  |
| 17 | <b>Compassion</b>     | Sympathetic awareness of others' distress together with a desire to alleviate it.  |
| 18 | <b>Confidence</b>     | A feeling of one's powers or of reliance on one's circumstances. Faith in oneself.   |
| 19 | <b>Consideration</b>  | Thoughtful and sympathetic regard for the needs of others. Careful thought.  |
| 20 | <b>Contentment</b>    | The quality of feeling satisfied with one's possessions, status, or situation.   |
| 21 | <b>Cooperation</b>    | To associate with another or others for mutual benefit/to achieve a shared goal.   |
| 22 | <b>Courage</b>        | A quality of spirit that enables you to face danger or pain without showing fear.  |
| 23 | <b>Courtesy</b>       | Polite, respectful or considerate behaviour mindful of other people.   |

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| 24 | <b>Creativity</b>          | The ability to create. A quality involving the generation of new ideas or concepts, or new associations of the creative mind between existing ideas or concepts. |
| 25 | <b>Curiosity</b>           | A desire to find out and know things.  |
| 26 | <b><i>Decisiveness</i></b> | Firmness of mind in taking a stand, reaching a conclusion, making a decision. It requires both courage and discernment.  |
| 27 | <b>Defiance</b>            | Bold resistance.   |
| 28 | <b>Dependability</b>       | Reliable, worthy of reliance or trust.   |
| 29 | <b>Detachment</b>          | Freedom from attachments.  |
| 30 | <b>Determination</b>       | Firmness of purpose.   |
| 31 | <b>Devotion</b>            | A great love or loyalty, enthusiastic zeal.  |
| 32 | <b>Diligence</b>           | Conscientiousness in paying proper attention to a task; giving the degree of care required in a given situation. Persevering determination to perform a task.    |
| 33 | <b>Discernment</b>         | The ability to distinguish; judgement; Discrimination; To distinguish between things; To perceive differences that exist.  |
| 34 | <b>Discretion</b>          | Being discrete in ones speech, keeping secrets.  |
| 35 | <b>Discipline</b>          | The trait of being well behaved and under control.   |
| 36 | <b>Eloquence</b>           | Powerful and effective language. Fluent, persuasive and articulate speech.   |
| 37 | <b>Empathy</b>             | Identification with and understanding of another's situation, feelings, and motives.   |
| 38 | <b><i>Endurance</i></b>    | Practicing perseverance and patience when obstacles arise hones our character and educates our souls. We welcome all that we are here to learn.                  |
| 39 | <b>Enthusiasm</b>          | A feeling of excitement. Exuberance: overflowing with eager enjoyment or approval.   |
| 40 | <b>Excellence</b>          | The quality of excelling; possessing good qualities in high degree.  |
| 41 | <b><i>Fairness</i></b>     | Seeking justice, giving each person their share, making sure that everyone's needs are met.  |
| 42 | <b>Faith</b>               | Complete confidence in a person, plan or set of beliefs etc.   |
| 43 | <b>Faithfulness</b>        | Steadfast in affection or allegiance; loyal.   |
| 44 | <b><i>Fidelity</i></b>     | Abiding by an agreement, treating it as a sacred covenant. Complete faithfulness in our relationships.   |
| 45 | <b>Flexibility</b>         | Adaptable, able to be changed to suit circumstances.   |
| 46 | <b>Focus</b>               | Concentrated awareness and effort.   |
| 47 | <b>Forbearance</b>         | Restraint under provocation; patience: good-natured tolerance of delay or incompetence.  |
| 48 | <b>Forgiveness</b>         | To cease to feel angry or bitter towards a person or about an offense.   |
| 49 | <b>Fortitude</b>           | Strength of mind that enables one to endure adversity with courage.  |
| 50 | <b>Friendliness</b>        | Agreeableness is a tendency to be pleasant and accommodating.  |

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| 51 | <b>Frugality</b>    | Prudence in avoiding waste. Being economical with resources.   |
| 52 | <b>Generosity</b>   | Giving or ready to give freely, free from meanness or prejudice.   |
| 53 | <b>Gentleness</b>   | Moderate; mild, quite; not rough or severe.  |
| 54 | <b>Grace</b>        | Elegance and beauty of movement or expression.   |
| 55 | <b>Gratitude</b>    | Being thankful.  |
| 56 | <b>Helpfulness</b>  | The quality of providing useful assistance.  |
| 57 | <b>Honesty</b>      | Truthful; sincere; not lying or cheating.  |
| 58 | <b>Honor</b>        | Not disposed to cheat or defraud; not deceptive or fraudulent.<br>Worthy of being honored.   |
| 59 | <b>Hope</b>         | The general feeling that some desire will be fulfilled.  |
| 60 | <b>Humanity</b>     | Having an attitude of caring and mercy to all people.  |
| 61 | <b>Humbleness</b>   | Modest; not arrogant or boastful.  |
| 62 | <b>Humility</b>     | A disposition to be humble; a lack of false pride.   |
| 63 | <b>Humor</b>        | The ability to perceive, enjoy, or express what is amusing, comical, incongruous, or absurd.   |
| 64 | <b>Idealism</b>     | High mindedness: elevated ideals and conduct; the quality of believing that ideals should be pursued.  |
| 65 | <b>Integrity</b>    | Moral soundness; Integrity is consistency of values and actions.<br>Unbroken completeness with nothing lacking.  |
| 66 | <b>Impartiality</b> | Fair. An inclination to weigh both views or opinions equally without bias.   |
| 67 | <b>Independence</b> | elf-reliance. Making our own choices confidently without undue influence from others. Perceiving the truth, with trust in our own discernment.   |
| 68 | <b>Industry</b>     | Diligent, hardworking.   |
| 69 | <b>Initiative</b>   | Daring to be original. Using our creativity to bring something new into the world.   |
| 70 | <b>Innocence</b>    | Guileless, not guilty.   |
| 71 | <b>Integrity</b>    | Standing on moral high ground. Keeping faith with our ideals and our agreements.   |
| 72 | <b>Joyfulness</b>   | The emotion of great happiness   |
| 73 | <b>Justice</b>      | Fair, impartial, giving a deserved response.   |
| 74 | <b>Kindness</b>     | Friendly, helpful, well meaning.   |
| 75 | <b>Knowledge</b>    | Part of the hierarchy made up of data, information and knowledge.<br>Data are raw facts. Information is data with context and perspective.<br>Knowledge is information with guidance for action based upon insight and experience. |
| 76 | <b>Liberality</b>   | An inclination to favor progress and individual freedom the trait of being generous in behavior and temperament.   |

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| 77 | <b>Love</b>           | A deep, tender, ineffable feeling of affection and solicitude toward a person, such as that arising from kinship, recognition of attractive qualities, or a sense of underlying oneness. |
| 78 | <b>Loyalty</b>        | Steadfast in allegiance to one's homeland, government, or sovereign. Faithful to a person, ideal, custom, cause, or duty.  |
| 79 | <b>Magnanimity</b>    | The virtue of being great of mind and heart. It encompasses, usually, a refusal to be petty, a willingness to face danger, and actions for noble purposes.                               |
| 80 | <b>Majesty</b>        | Great and impressive dignity.  |
| 81 | <b>Meekness</b>       | The feeling of patient, submissive humbleness; a disposition to be patient and long suffering.   |
| 82 | <b>Mercy</b>          | Clemency: leniency and compassion shown toward offenders by a person or agency charged with administering justice.   |
| 83 | <b>Mindfulness</b>    | Living reflectively and meaningfully, with conscious awareness of our actions, our words and our thoughts.   |
| 84 | <b>Moderation</b>     | The avoidance of extremes in one's actions or opinions.  |
| 85 | <b>Modesty</b>        | Freedom from vanity or conceit. Not inclined to boast.   |
| 86 | <b>Nobility</b>       | Having high moral standards. Doing the right thing. Keeping faith with our true value as spiritual beings.   |
| 87 | <b>Obedience</b>      | Willingness to obey, to be controlled when necessary, to carry out orders.   |
| 88 | <b>Openness</b>       | Ready and willing to talk candidly. Unsecretive.   |
| 89 | <b>Orderliness</b>    | Neatness and tidiness. A personality trait which involves the organization of things into a state of order and symmetry. The quality of appreciating method and system.                  |
| 90 | <b>Patience</b>       | The ability to endure delay, trouble, pain or hardship.  |
| 91 | <b>Peace</b>          | Freedom from mental agitation; serenity.   |
| 92 | <b>Peacefulness</b>   | Inner calm and tranquility. Giving up the love of power for the power of love. Resolving conflict in a just and gentle way. Freedom from mental agitation; serenity.                     |
| 93 | <b>Perceptiveness</b> | Clarity of insight. Understanding that is intuitive, discerning and accurate.  |
| 94 | <b>Perseverance</b>   | Being persistent, refusing to stop despite failures, delays and difficulties.  |
| 95 | <b>Persistence</b>    | Never-ceasing, relentless.   |
| 96 | <b>Piety</b>          | Humble devotion to a high ideal.   |
| 97 | <b>Prayerfulness</b>  | A relationship of faith and gratitude with a power and presence greater than ourselves. A conversation with God.   |
| 98 | <b>Prudence</b>       | Wise or careful in conduct. Shrewd or thrifty in planning ahead.   |
| 99 | <b>Punctuality</b>    | The quality or habit of adhering to an appointed time.   |

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| 100 | <b>Purity</b>           | Freedom from defilement. Undiluted or unmixed with extraneous material. Unsullied by sin or moral wrong.   |
| 101 | <b>Purposefulness</b>   | Having a definite goal.  |
| 102 | <b>Reliability</b>      | Can be trusted to do something.  |
| 103 | <b>Resoluteness</b>     | The quality of being firm in purpose.  |
| 104 | <b>Resourcefulness</b>  | The ability to act effectively or imaginatively, especially in regard to difficult situations and unusual problems.  |
| 105 | <b>Respect</b>          | Admiration for others. Treating people with due dignity.   |
| 106 | <b>Responsibility</b>   | Having control over and accountability for appropriate events.   |
| 107 | <b>Restraint</b>        | Holding Back.  |
| 108 | <b>Reverence</b>        | Profound awe and respect.  |
| 109 | <b>Righteousness</b>    | Adhering to moral principles. Holiness.  |
| 110 | <b><i>Sacrifice</i></b> | The willingness to give up what is important to us for what we know is more important. Giving our all for our beliefs. Making our life a sacred offering. Self-Discipline: The self control to do only what we truly choose to do, without being blown off course by our desires. Establishing healthy and ennobling habits. |
| 111 | <b>Selflessness</b>     | The quality of unselfish concern for the welfare of others.  |
| 112 | <b>Self Sacrifice</b>   | The giving up of one's own benefit, especially giving up one's life, for the good of others.   |
| 113 | <b><i>Serenity</i></b>  | Tranquility of spirit, with trust and faith that all will be well. Peacefulness in the midst of trials.  |
| 114 | <b>Service</b>          | Work done by one person or group that benefits another.  |
| 115 | <b>Sensitivity</b>      | Heightened awareness of oneself and others within the context of social and personal relationships.  |
| 116 | <b>Silence</b>          | Inner peace. Being silent.   |
| 117 | <b>Simplicity</b>       | Straightforward; not complex or complicated. Unpretentious.  |
| 118 | <b>Sincerity</b>        | Free from pretense or deceit in manner or actions.   |
| 119 | <b>Sobriety</b>         | Serious, solemn and calm. Free from intoxication.  |
| 120 | <b>Spontaneity</b>      | Natural, not planned.  |
| 121 | <b>Steadfastness</b>    | Firm, resolute; determinedly unwavering.   |
| 122 | <b>Strength</b>         | Capable of exerting great force.   |
| 123 | <b>Tact</b>             | Consideration in dealing with others and avoiding giving offense.  |
| 124 | <b>Temperance</b>       | Moderation and self-restraint, as in behavior or expression. Restraint in the use of or abstinence from alcoholic liquors/intoxicants.   |
| 125 | <b>Thankfulness</b>     | Warm friendly feelings of gratitude.   |
| 126 | <b>Thrift</b>           | The characteristic of using a minimum of something. Saving.  |
| 127 | <b>Tolerance</b>        | Tending to permit, allow, understand, or accept something; tending to withstand or survive.  |
| 128 | <b>Toughness</b>        | Strong and durable; not easily damaged.  |

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| 129 | <b>Tranquility</b>        | Serenely quite and peaceful; undisturbed.  |
| 130 | <b>Trust</b>              | Having confidence in others; lacking suspicion.  |
| 131 | <b>Trustworthiness</b>    | Able to be trusted or depended on; reliable.   |
| 132 | <b>Truthfulness</b>       | Accurately depicting what is real.   |
| 133 | <b>Understanding</b>      | Comprehension, assimilation of knowledge. The holistic awareness of facts.                   |
| 134 | <b>Unity</b>              | Freedom from division. Oneness.  |
| 135 | <b><i>Uprightness</i></b> | Following what is right and moral. Standing up for honesty and justice. Living in integrity. |
| 136 | <b>Vitality</b>           | Exuberant physical strength or mental vigor, energy.   |
| 137 | <b>Wisdom</b>             | The trait of utilizing knowledge and experience with common sense and insight.               |
| 138 | <b>Wonder</b>             | The feeling aroused by something strange and surprising.                                     |
| 139 | <b>Zeal</b>               | Ardor. A feeling of strong eagerness. Tireless devotion.                                     |