

# 12 Narnian Virtues

- 1. WISDOM.** The habit of making good judgments; discerning what is true and good and choosing the best course of action. *We need courage to change what we can, the patience to endure what we cannot change, and the wisdom to know the difference.*
- 2. LOVE.** The habit of acting selflessly for the good of another, without seeking recognition or reward; willingness to sacrifice for another; being kind, caring, generous, and loyal. *There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for another.*
- 3. FORTITUDE.** The habit of doing what is right in the face of difficulty; the mental and emotional strength to handle hardship, overcome obstacles, and endure suffering; showing confidence, courage, patience, perseverance, endurance, or resilience in challenging circumstances. *They would need fortitude to endure the difficult journey ahead.*
- 4. COURAGE.** The habit of overcoming fear when confronting physical danger or facing social pressure to do what's wrong. *Moral courage—standing up for what's right when it's unpopular to do so—is rarer than bravery in battle.*
- 5. SELF-CONTROL.** The habit of controlling one's desires, emotions, and impulses; being able to resist temptation; waiting longer for something better. *In the absence of self-control, our desires control us.*
- 6. JUSTICE.** The habit of treating all persons with respect and fairness; giving people what they are due; not playing favorites. *A good ruler governs with justice toward all.*
- 7. FORGIVENESS.** The habit of letting go of angry feelings toward another person, even while holding wrongdoers accountable for their actions. *Many people find forgiveness difficult when someone has hurt them deeply. She forgave his crime but felt he should still suffer a just punishment.*
- 8. GRATITUDE.** The habit of feeling and expressing thanks. *Gratitude leads us to count our blessings.*
- 9. HUMILITY.** The habit of being aware of our strengths and weaknesses; admitting and correcting flaws and failures; being free from pride and arrogance. *Without humility, we remain blind to our faults.*
- 10. INTEGRITY.** The habit of sticking to our moral values; following our conscience; being honest with ourselves and others. *As a leader with integrity, he listened to the voice of conscience, not the voice of the crowd.*
- 11. HARD WORK.** The habit of making a strong or determined effort to get a job done or achieve a goal. *Nothing worthwhile was ever accomplished without a lot of hard work.*
- 12. CURIOSITY.** The habit of being inquisitive; wanting to learn or know something. *Curiosity is the mark of an active mind.*