

[ˈvɜːtʃuː] *n*

1. 1) добродетель, нравственность

virtue and vice - добродетель и порок

cloistered virtue - добродетель, не подвергающаяся искушению

the path of virtue - стезя добродетели

to entice smb. from the path of virtue - увлечь кого-л. на путь порока, соблазнить /развратить/ кого-л.

to follow virtue - вести добродетельную жизнь

to win smb. to virtue - вернуть кого-л. на стезю добродетели

2) целомудрие

a woman of virtue - добродетельная /целомудренная/ женщина

a woman of easy virtue - *редк.* женщина лёгкого поведения2. хорошее качество, положительная черта *или* сторона; достоинство; преимущество

virtues and shortcomings - достоинства и недостатки

cardinal virtues - *филос.* основные добродетелиnatural virtues are justice, prudence, temperance and fortitude - *филос.* естественные добродетели - справедливость, благоразумие, умеренность, храбрость

Christian /theological/ virtues are faith, hope and charity - христианские /теологические/ добродетели - вера, надежда, любовь

negative virtue - а) пассивная добродетель (*терпение и т. п.*); б) негативное достоинство *или* преимущество (*отсутствие шума, безредрность лекарства и т. п.*)

clarity is a virtue of style - ясность - это достоинство слога /стиля, языка/

this climate has the virtues of never being too cold or too hot - преимущества этого климата состоят в том, что здесь никогда не бывает ни слишком холодно, ни слишком жарко

there is some virtue in what you say - то, что вы говорите, заслуживает определённого внимания

3. сила; действие; эффективность

there is no virtue in such drugs - эти лекарства бесполезны /неэффективны/

I have no faith in the virtue of herbs to heal sickness - я не верю, что травами можно вылечиться от болезни

4. мужество, доблесть

5. *pl редк.* силы (*ангельский чин*)

heavenly virtues - силы небесные

a hundred virtues rise - восстают сотни ангельских сил

◇ in /by/ virtue of - в силу (*чего-л.*); на основании (*чего-л.*); вследствие, по причине (*чего-л.*)

to claim smth. in virtue of long service - претендовать на что-л. на основании /в силу/ долголетней службы

to make a virtue of smth. - ставить себе в заслугу что-л.

to make a virtue of necessity - делать вид, что действуешь добровольно

virtue is its own reward - *посл.* ≅ добродетель не нуждается в вознаграждении

virtue

Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

virtue [virtue virtues] *BrE* [ˈvɜːtʃuː] *NAmE* [ˈvɜːrtʃuː] noun1. **uncountable** (formal) behaviour or attitudes that show high moral standards

• He led a life of virtue.

• She was certainly no **paragon of virtue** !2. **countable** a particular good quality or habit

• Patience is not one of her virtues, I'm afraid.

• As a politician, he always emphasized the virtues of compromise and conciliation.

3. **countable, uncountable** an attractive or useful quality**Syn:** ↑advantage• The plan **has the virtue of** simplicity .

• He was extolling the virtues of the Internet.

• They could see **no virtue in** discussing it further.**more at** of easy virtue **at** ↑easy *adj.***Idioms:** ↑by virtue of something ▪ ↑make a virtue of necessity ▪ ↑virtue is its own rewardWord Origin:Middle English: from Old French *vertu*, from Latin *virtus* 'valour, merit, moral perfection', from *vir* 'man'.Example Bank:

• He taught his children to practise/practice the virtues of temperance and chastity .

• He understands the traditional virtue of hard work.

• Her book has the cardinal virtue of simplicity .

• It would have taken a paragon of virtue not to feel jealous.

• Philippe embodies the French virtues of charm and grace.

• She has just one, negative virtue— she never tells lies.

• She was seen as a paragon of domestic virtue.

• The brochure makes a positive virtue of the island's isolated position.

• There is no inherent virtue in having read all the latest books.

• There is, of course, no inherent virtue in moderation.

• a story celebrating the virtues of democracy

• the theological virtues of faith, hope and charity

- women of easy virtue
- He was certainly no paragon of virtue!
- He was convinced of the inherent virtue of hard work.
- He was going on about the virtues of the Internet.
- She led a life of moral virtue.
- a woman of easy virtue

virtue

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virtue **W3** /'vɜːtʃuː/\$/'vɜːtʃ-BrE ^{AmE} ^{noun}

[Date: 1100-1200; Language: Old French; Origin: virtu, from Latin virtus '*strength, virtue*', from vir '*man*']

1. **[uncountable] formal** moral goodness of character and behaviour **OPP vice**:
 " Women have often been used as symbols of virtue.
2. **[countable]** a particular good quality in someone's character **OPP vice**:
 " Among her many virtues are loyalty, courage, and truthfulness.
3. **[uncountable and countable]** an advantage that makes something better or more useful than something else
virtue of
 " Adam Smith believed in the virtues of free trade.
 " Wilkins is now *extolling* (=praising very much) *the virtues of* organic farming.
4. **by virtue of something formal** by means of, or as a result of something:
 " She became a British resident by virtue of her marriage.
5. **make a virtue of something** to get an advantage from a situation that you cannot change, usually a bad one:
 " She made a virtue of her acting limitations by joking about them.
6. **make a virtue of necessity** to get an advantage from doing something that you have to do, or to pretend that you are doing it willingly
 . . .

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- **advantage** a good feature that something has, which makes it better, more useful etc than other things: The great advantage of digital cameras is that there is no film to process.
- **benefit** a feature of something that has a good effect on people's lives: Regular exercise has many benefits, including reducing the risk of heart disease.
- **merit** a good feature that something has, which you consider when you are deciding whether it is the best choice: The committee will consider the merits of the proposals. | The merits and demerits of (=the good and bad features of) alternative funding systems were widely discussed in the newspapers. | The chairman saw no great merit in this suggestion (=he did not think that it was a good idea).
- **virtue** an advantage that makes you believe that something is a good thing: They believed in the virtues of culture, civilization, and reason. | He's always *extolling the virtues of* hard work (=saying that hard work is a good thing).
- **the good/great/best thing about something especially spoken** used when mentioning a good feature of something. This phrase is rather informal and you should not use it in formal essays: The good thing about cycling is that you don't have to worry about getting stuck in a traffic jam.
- **the beauty of something is that** used when you want to emphasize that something has a very good or useful feature: The beauty of the plan is that it is so simple.

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