

Recommended Resources: Virtue and Character

For readers wishing to explore the topic of virtue further, we offer recommended resources organized in several categories: key sources on virtue, pedagogy for developing virtue, recommended sources on particular virtues, spiritual formation, and relevant professional sources (both social work and related professions).

Key Sources on Virtue

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