

Chapter 12 - Assignment 6: Plato's *Charmides* Dialogue (on Temperance)

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In order to answer the following questions, read Plato's *Charmides* dialogue, which you can find on pages 27—30 of Chapter 12.

1. When asked by Socrates to explain what temperance is, Charmides gave two definitions.

(i) What was the very *first* way that Charmides had defined temperance?

(ii) Why did Socrates believe that Charmides had *misdefined* temperance?

2. After his *first* definition of temperance was convincingly refuted by Socrates, Charmides proposed a *second* definition of temperance.

(i) What was the *second* way that Charmides had defined temperance?

(ii) Why did Socrates believe that Charmides once again had *misdefined* temperance?

