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The Man I Want to Become

You are a billboard; a reflection of the God who made you (Gen 1:27). You constantly mirror and display a picture of who you are to the world by how you look, what you say, and what you represent. What message do you think you constantly convey to a group? What is your billboard saying to others?

Your parents have watched you develop into who you now are. What message do they see you communicate?

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What message do your parents think you communicate to your peers? Teachers? Friends? Ask them why.

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Who do you want to be? What type of man do you want to become? What message do you want to send to people?

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Why do you want to be that kind of man? _____

In what ways are you progressing into that kind of person? List three ways:

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What is preventing or hindering your journey into being the man you want to be? List three things:

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We will be pursuing two virtues of your choosing this year. Virtue has been defined as “right action.” The motive behind your action matters. As your teacher and Bible teacher, my prayer is that you are motivated to act rightly because you have learned to care.

Answer this statement for me. Feel free to seek counsel or research.

To me, virtue means: _____

Looking at the list of virtues provided, what two virtues do you want to pursue this year?

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| Virtue 1 | Virtue 2 |
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| Virtue | Definition (Merriam-Webster) | Complements | Transcends |
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| Acceptance | The act of accepting something or someone | Contentment Forgiveness | Denial, Rejection |
| Assertiveness | Disposed to or characterized by bold or confident statements and behavior | Confidence, Courage | Self-doubt, Shyness |
| Authenticity | True to one's own personality, spirit, or character | Honesty, Integrity | Low self-esteem |
| Beauty | The qualities in a person or a thing that give pleasure to the senses or the mind | Joyfulness, Peace | Ugliness |
| Caring | Feeling or showing concern for other people | Compassion, Kindness | Cruelty, Insensitivity |
| Cleanliness | The practice of keeping yourself and your surroundings clean | Orderliness, Purity | Dirty |
| Commitment | An agreement or pledge to do something in the future | Loyalty, Perseverance | Lack of Direction |
| Compassion | Sympathetic consciousness of others' distress together with a desire to alleviate it | Caring, Understanding | Grief, Judgment |
| Confidence | A feeling or belief that you can do something well or succeed at something | Assertiveness, Courage | Self Doubt Uncertainty |
| Consideration | The act of thinking carefully about something you will make a decision about | Caring, Compassion | Selfishness |
| Contentment | The state of being happy and satisfied | Fulfillment, Joy | Dissatisfaction Restlessness |
| Cooperation | A situation in which people work together to do something | Teamwork, Unity | Defiance |
| Courage | Mental or moral strength to venture, persevere, and withstand danger, fear, or difficulty | Boldness, Confidence | Fear Self-doubt |
| Creativity | The ability to make new things or think of new ideas | Joy, Purposefulness | Ordinary |
| Detachment | Lack of emotion or of personal interest | Faith, Freedom | Control |
| Determination | A quality that makes you continue trying to do or achieve something that is difficult | Commitment, Tenaciousness | Complacency |
| Dignity | A way of appearing or behaving that suggests seriousness and self-control | Honor, Respect | Egoism, Selfishness |
| Encouragement | Something that makes someone more determined, hopeful, or confident | Support, Caring | Self-doubt, Discouragement |
| Enthusiasm | Strong excitement about something; a strong feeling of active interest in something that you like or enjoy | Energy, Motivation | Boredom, Indifference |
| Ethical | Following accepted rules of behavior; morally right and good | Fairness, Respect | Immorality |
| Excellence | Extremely high quality | Dignity, Honor, Integrity, Respect | Mediocrity |
| Fairness | Treating people in a way that does not favor some over others | Equality, Justice | Grievance, Injustice |
| Faith | Strong belief or trust in someone or something | Confidence, Hope, Trust | Apprehension, Doubt |
| Flexibility | Willing to change or to try different things | Detachment, Understanding | Stubbornness |
| Forgiveness | The act of forgiving someone or something | Freedom, Peace | Anger, Bitterness |
| Friendliness | Acting like a friend; kind and helpful | Kindness, Tact | Shyness |
| Generosity | The quality of being kind, understanding, and not selfish; the quality of being generous | Kindness, Service | Stinginess, Self-centeredness |
| Gentleness | Having or showing a kind and quiet nature; not harsh or violent | Patience, Peace | Aggression |

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| Graciousness | Very polite in a way that shows respect | Dignity, | Disrespect, |
| | | Tact | Rudeness |
| Gratitude | A feeling of appreciation or thanks | Hope, | Disappointment, |
| | | Joy, Peace | Pain |
| Harmonious | Having parts that are related or combined in a pleasing way | Unity | Hostility |
| Helpfulness | Making it easier to do a job, deal with a problem, etc.; giving help | Graciousness, | Negativity |
| | | Service | |
| Honesty | The quality of being fair and truthful | Integrity, | Deceitfulness |
| | | Truthfulness | |
| Honor | Respect that is given to someone who is admired | Dignity, | Shame |
| | | Respect | |
| Hope | To want something to happen or be true and think that it could happen or be true | Faith, | Despair, |
| | | Joy, Trust | Frustration |
| Humility | The quality or state of not thinking you are better than other people | Modesty | Arrogance, |
| | | | Pride |
| Idealism | The attitude of a person who believes that it is possible to live according to very high standards of behavior and honesty | Confidence, | Cynicism, |
| | | Hope | Pessimism |
| Integrity | The quality of being honest and fair | Honesty, | Corruption, |
| | | Trust | Deceitfulness |
| Imaginative | Having or showing an ability to think of new and interesting ideas: having or showing imagination | Creativity | Ordinary, |
| | | | Rationalism |
| Joyfulness | Feeling, causing, or showing great happiness; full of joy | Hope, | Discontent, |
| | | Peace, Love | Suffering |
| Justice | The process or result of using laws to fairly judge and punish crimes and criminals | Fairness, | Discrimination |
| | | Integrity | |
| Kindness | The quality or state of being kind; a kind act | Caring, | Cruelty, |
| | | Compassionate | Loneliness |
| Love | A feeling of strong or constant affection for a person | Caring, | Fear |
| | | Forgiveness, Unity | |
| Loyalty | The quality or state of being loyal | Honesty, | Betrayal |
| | | Trust | |
| Moderation | The quality or state of being reasonable and avoiding behavior, speech, etc., that is extreme or that goes beyond what is normal or | Diligence, | Obsessions, |
| | | Responsibility | Overindulgence |
| Modesty | The quality of not being too proud or confident about yourself or your abilities | Humility | Self-importance |
| Optimistic | Having or showing hope for the future: expecting good things to happen | Hope, | Pessimism |
| | | Joyfulness | |
| Orderliness | Arranged or organized in a logical or regular way | Cleanliness, | Chaos |
| | | Purity | |
| Passionate | Having, showing, or expressing strong emotions or beliefs | Enthusiasm, | Indifference |
| | | Purposefulness | |
| Patience | The ability to wait for a long time without becoming annoyed or upset | Determination, | Frustration |
| | | Peace | |
| Peace | A state of tranquility or quiet | Love, | Anger, |
| | | Serenity, Unity | Cruelty |
| Perseverance | Continued effort to do or achieve something despite difficulties, failure, or opposition | Commitment, | Laziness |
| | | Determination, | |
| | | Resilience | |
| Preparedness | The quality or state of being prepared | Excellence, | Complacency |
| | | Orderliness | |
| Purposefulness | Having a purpose as in something set up as an object or end to be attained | Creativity, | Boredom, |
| | | Commitment, | Indifference |
| | | Joyfulness | |
| Reliability | The quality or state of being reliable | Integrity, | Untrustworthiness |
| | | Loyalty | |
| Respect | An act of giving particular attention | Dignity, | Inconsideration |
| | | Reverence | |
| Responsibility | The quality or state of being responsible as in moral, legal, or mental accountability | Courtesy, | Selfishness |
| | | Tact, Trust | |

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| Reverence | Honor or respect that is felt for or shown to (someone or something) | Respect | Hatred |
| Self-discipline | Correction or regulation of oneself for the sake of improvement | Commitment, | Chaos, Unruliness |
| | | Determination | |
| Service | Contribution to the welfare of others | Compassion, | Lack of concern, |
| | | Generosity, | Self-centeredness |
| | | Purposefulness | |
| Sincerity | The quality or state of being sincere; honesty of mind | Authentic | Disingenuousness |
| Tact | A keen sense of what to do or say in order to maintain good relations with others or avoid offense | Graciousness, | Clumsiness |
| | | Responsibility | |
| Temperate | Habitual moderation in the indulgence of the appetites or passions | Moderation | Excessiveness |
| Tenacious | Persistent in maintaining, adhering to, or seeking something valued or desired | Discipline, | Indecision |
| | | Perseverance | |
| Thankfulness | Conscious of benefit received | Gratitude, | Unappreciative |
| | | Thoughtfulness | |
| Tolerance | Capacity to endure pain or hardship; sympathy or indulgence for beliefs or practices differing from or conflicting with one's own | Patience, | Narrow-mindedness |
| | | Tenacious | |
| Trust | Assured reliance on the character, ability, strength, or truth of someone or something | Loyalty, | Doubt. |
| | | Respect | Skepticism |
| Truthfulness | Telling or disposed to tell the truth | Honesty, | Corruption, |
| | | Faith, Trust | Deceit |
| | | Kindness, | Egoism |
| Tolerance | | | |
| Unity | The quality or state of being made one | Harmony, | Loneliness |
| | | Love, Peace | |
| Visionary | A thought, concept, or object formed by the imagination | Imagination, | Lack of Inspiration |
| | | Leadership | |
| Wisdom | Accumulated philosophic or scientific learning; knowledge | Idealism, | Lack of Intelligence |
| | | Visionary | |
| Wonder | A feeling caused by seeing something that is very surprising, beautiful, amazing, etc. | Creativity, | Boredom |
| | | Imagination | |

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Why do you want to pursue these virtues?

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Where did Jesus demonstrate these virtues? (Scriptural reference)

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How do you currently exhibit these virtues?

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How do you not exhibit these virtues in your everyday life?

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Whether you believe it or not, God has given you parents to guide, mold, and shape you through a loving relationship. Read Deuteronomy 6:4-9. Now read Hebrews 12:3-11.

What has God commanded your parents to do? _____

How is love and discipline intertwined, based on these passages? _____

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When I am not acting according to who I want to be, I expect: _____

Parents: Our role in helping our son pursue these virtues is: _____

I want to become a man who is _____ and _____. I expect my parents and teachers, whom God has placed in my life, to keep me accountable in my pursuit. I acknowledge that although I may struggle certain days, God is for me and my holiness.

I want to be the man God desires me to be: _____
(Student Signature)

I want my son to be the man he wants to be: _____
(Parent Signature)

