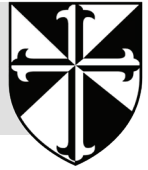




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VIRTUE



Name: _____ Date: _____

Words to know:

malleable (*able to be changed*)

It's because we are malleable that we can grow in _____ and disposition, that each of us can grow in _____ and even _____.

"Virtue is a _____ of the _____ by which we live righteously of which no one can make bad use, which God works _____ us and _____ us." —St. Thomas Aquinas (from St. Augustine)

Virtue lives in the human _____, it lives in the _____ and in the _____, in our thinking and choosing.

But there's also virtue in our _____. . . because even these are part of the human person.

Virtue: it confers on us not only the ability to _____ rightly about what we should do, but actually to _____ it.

St. Thomas says that there are _____ virtues and there are _____ virtues.

MORAL VIRTUE

- Disposes us to _____.
- Moderates our _____ so that we can act according to reason for the true good.
- Moral virtue doesn't squelch, _____, or _____ our passion.
- In fact, the more virtuous a person is, the more they _____ and the more they feel _____.

THE FOUR MORAL (CARDINAL) VIRTUES

Justice:

The constant and perpetual _____ to give others their _____.



**Fortitude:**

The virtuous _____ to achieve a good that is _____ to obtain.
In the middle, between being a _____ or being a _____.

Temperance:

The virtuous _____ of sense _____.
Pleasures can be good and indeed _____ when experienced in accord with _____.
In the middle between _____ (pursuit of one pleasure after another) and
_____ (a sort of frigidity or unwillingness to experience pleasure).

Prudence:

It _____ all the virtues.
Right _____ in things to be done.
We become prudent by learning from our _____.
We become prudent by _____, by living life, by being
_____, by making choices and seeing how they turned out...
We become prudent and moral by being _____ and taking
_____ with those who we know are prudent.

The moral life is not something we engage alone. It's something we engage in
_____ with those who raise us, those with whom we
_____, our _____, those we trust and respect.

Comprehension questions:

1. Which of the four moral virtues comes the easiest to you? Which is the hardest?
2. Who is someone in your life who you think is virtuous and who you would ask for advice about moral choices?

