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Words to know:

polity (*political and social life*), sate (*satisfy*), discern (*perceive, recognize*), determinations (*decisions*), faculties (*powers of the soul such as intellect and the will*), apprehend (*think, perceive*), deprave (*pervert, make immoral*)

Over the course of our lives, we can choose to become more fully _____ or less so. We are made to live a _____, to know the truth about _____, to cultivate _____, to contribute to the polity.

We need to mature into the freedom of those who actually _____ what is best.

Object of the Will:

The object of the will is the universally _____. Thus, no one created good thing will ever be enough to sate our _____. We want to love the _____ and so we remain _____ to choose among a variety of more or less good options until we finally arrive at the _____ good.

Among the many options in life, we need to discern what is _____ from what is _____. This means measuring these goods against the rule of _____ (human nature understood as a norm for right living).

In order to get better and better at making those determinations by a kind of second nature we need to acquire _____ which we call _____.

Virtue:

A virtue is a stable or permanent _____ informing a faculty of the soul... which empowers the person to _____ easily, promptly, and joyfully.

Aristotle's shorthand for virtue is "what makes a man _____ and to act _____."

A virtue informs the concerned faculty with the judgment of _____. It extends the reign of reason within the life of the individual, tempering, emboldening, and rectifying where necessary.

Ultimately, it brings more and more of man's spiritual and bodily life within the ambit of his _____ to pursue what is _____.

Vice:

A vice is a stable or permanent disposition informing a faculty of the soul, which depraves the person to choose the _____ good, or apparent good, easily, promptly, and joyfully.

So, by habit, whether virtue or vice, man sows the seeds of his _____, determining in choice what he _____ and what he is to _____.

Comprehension questions:

1. What is one good habit you already have that builds up your human nature and helps you to live a good life?
2. What is one good habit you could acquire that would build up your human nature and help you to live a better life? What would you need to do in order to build that habit?
3. What is one bad habit (vice) that you could eliminate from your life? What would you need to do in order to break that habit?