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My Identity

The ability to recognize oneself within the immediate environment is a fundamental aspect of personal identity. My identity can be understood through my personality and the ongoing interactions I've had in the various environments I've been part of since my childhood. Identifying one's self is not a one-time occurrence; it's a lifelong process, as psychologists argue that one's identity evolves over time. Understanding how I identify myself is crucial for living well, harmonizing with others, and pursuing my goals. I recognize that there are numerous factors contributing to my identity, such as my family, gender, college, community, race, religion, and the choices I make daily. Both the choices I make and the factors beyond my control collectively shape who I am and define the roles I play in different aspects of life, be it at home, in church, at school, or in the community.

I am a young male born into a white family of four. My family, consisting of my parents, a sister, and two brothers, has significantly influenced my development. I come from a Christian family that actively practices Christianity rather than merely attending church. This upbringing has instilled in me and my siblings the values of



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living a righteous life. From a young age, my parents emphasized the importance of making wise, God-fearing, and persistent choices in a world they described as challenging. I am immensely grateful to them for imparting these moral and Christian values, which remain dear to me to this day. As a brother, a family member, and a member of the community, I have been drawn to helping others and doing good. Virtues such as patience, hard work, hope, and resilience have been instilled in me by my parents, who put great effort into raising us well. My parents have not only taught us good morals but also practiced them themselves. In instances when they made mistakes, they taught my siblings and me the importance of caution, hard work, goal pursuit, and prayer.

I completed my elementary education with the full support of my family, driven by the desire to achieve my goals. Furthermore, I am, to a large extent, an extrovert. I am open-minded and enjoy conversing with people. I am naturally inquisitive, which has contributed to my learning and personality development. For example, in high school, while my peers may have been passive during lessons, I chose to be active and sought clarification when necessary. This aspect of active learning influences my interactions with others, and I am often seen as an engaged learner. Beyond the classroom, I continue my learning through open-minded socialization, productive teamwork, and a questioning mindset. Unlike my peers, I have had relatively little trouble identifying who I am. As a hardworking and determined individual, I have come to understand the competitive nature of the world. I have been raised to be outgoing and consider myself a go-getter. In both academic and personal contexts, I set clear goals, challenge myself, and pursue a self-driven approach.

Furthermore, my openness in interactions has allowed me to establish positive relationships with others. I believe I possess a degree of empathy, and I am mindful of how my words and actions affect others. I have learned to make thoughtful decisions and to speak considerately, recognizing the impact on those around me. I



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am attuned to the needs of others and strive to inspire them to achieve small victories. For instance, I have encouraged people to work hard, irrespective of their race, income level, or community. I believe I have motivated others to become more self-aware and pursue their aspirations. I have also learned to accept constructive criticism and, when faced with challenges, to focus on the positive. I often recall my mother's reminder that every setback is an opportunity to gather strength and move forward.

I attribute much of my personality to the solid foundation provided by my parents through their Christian upbringing. However, I have also had the opportunity to shape my personality over time. In college, I have chosen to surround myself with good friends, participate in faith-based groups, and challenge myself to excel. Like anyone else, I have made mistakes and faced challenges in decision-making, but I am receptive to learning from my errors and improving in the future.

I am not averse to change and welcome new people, ideas, and experiences. I believe that I can better myself by embracing the ever-evolving environment. I have been willing to take risks to seek adventure in activities that promote self-growth. Overall, I believe I can make sound choices, positively influence others, and spread goodness to those around me.