

Appendix Test: Discerning Your Vocation

SECTION I: MATCHING

(2 POINTS EACH)

_____ Beatitudes	_____ Eli	_____ Samuel
_____ Adoration	_____ Prayer	_____ Divine Office
_____ Conscience	_____ Rosary	_____ Grace
_____ Intercession	_____ Sanctity	_____ Patience

- A. A person's vocation is his or her call to this.
- B. This is necessary to overcome the temptation to frustration with a long or difficult discernment process.
- C. In addition to the Ten Commandments, living according to these leads to living a moral life.
- D. The key to this devotion is not the repetition of prayers but the depth of meditation on the subjects of the prayers.
- E. God told St. Paul that this was sufficient for him because "my power is made perfect in weakness."
- F. Everybody ought to examine this daily.
- G. He helped a boy discern the voice of God calling him in the night.
- H. The Liturgy of the Hours; this gives rhythm to a person's life of prayer.
- I. Discernment requires this, our primary way of developing an intimate relationship with God.
- J. The act of praying for the intention of others.
- K. This form of prayer is often performed in front of the Blessed Sacrament.
- L. He learned to become attuned to the voice of God calling him in the night.

SECTION II: TRUE-FALSE

(3 POINTS EACH)

- 1. _____ As long as there are no activities that distract us from thinking of God, attending Mass on a Holy Day of Obligation can be left to the individual Catholic's discretion.
- 2. _____ Although discernment is ultimately between a person and God, receiving spiritual direction can be helpful.
- 3. _____ Rectitude of intention requires detachment from personal needs and desires.

4. _____ Because marriage is the “natural” state of life for every man and every woman, we should plan on getting married some day unless God dramatically reveals an alternate plan.
5. _____ Unhealthy attachments to prayer or to living a moral life can become obstacles to discernment.
6. _____ Servant of God Julia Greeley was called a “one-person St. Vincent de Paul Society” for her works of charity.
7. _____ Present circumstances might dictate that being single could be only a temporary state rather than a sign of the committed single life.
8. _____ The permanent diaconate is a “later” vocation because only married men at least thirty-five years old may be ordained to this state.
9. _____ Since the Franciscan order subsists on alms, St. Francis established it to minister to the materially wealthy but spiritually poor.
10. _____ Only after discerning our vocation must we embrace a life of service.

SECTION III: FILL IN THE BLANK

(3 POINTS PER BLANK)

1. The very purpose of a person’s vocation is ultimately directed toward _____.
2. God speaks primarily to our _____, and it is there that we will hear him calling us.
3. Because of _____, undue attachments to bodily pleasures are quite common in our fallen human nature.
4. When we center our lives on prayer and the Sacraments, we will receive the grace to embrace “_____ of spirit.”

5. The traditional four-step method of prayer called _____
_____ helps us explore and apply the meaning of Scripture as the living Word of God.
6. St. Paul taught, “_____ everything; hold fast to what is good.”
7. Discernment is a matter of discovering what is “_____” among good options.
8. Good _____ reading includes the lives of the saints.
9. God made us _____ creatures dependent on and bound to one another through reciprocal duties and obligations.
10. A vocation that involves _____ is not a last resort when marriage does not seem to work out.

SECTION IV: ESSAY

(10 POINTS)

Think of an activity or a material possession that is not morally bad, i.e., something not bad in and of itself. Imagine that your friend has developed an undue attachment to this activity or possession, and explain to him or her—in sincerity and with a spirit of love—how this undue attachment might be causing great difficulty in discerning his or her particular vocation.