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What is a Virtue?

"Giving."

"Respect, feeling emotion."

"A virtue is a patience of something."

"A part of virtue is maturity, feelings, emotion."

"Virtue is the key such as discipline, attitude, and dedication."

"Something good to have."

"Patience."

"Something you need."

"How to be a good citizen, becoming a better person."

"Something that can get your life on track. By using your virtues to your best advantage and it will take you a long way."

"A virtue is something that is necessary to have hope."

PATIENCE IS A VIRTUE

During two separate Positive Peer Leadership Mentoring sessions at the Miami-Dade Regional Juvenile Detention Center, groups of young men came together to discuss the topic "Patience is a Virtue." In each meeting, the participants explored "what is a virtue?" and "what is patience". The content in this issue of JDC Newsletter is the written thoughts and ideas of the young men participating in each session.

"I think it means manners, respect."

"A trait to keep your life on track."

"Something I [wanna] be in life when I grow up."

"A positive character trait."

"Something that you are destined to be in life."

"Something you must have to succeed. A virtue is something you should want."

"Respect, honesty, patience, manners, something you need to live right."

"A trait that is needed to live right."

"I think a virtue is like something that you're destined to be or something you wanna be in life."

"A virtue can be a goal or achievement or kind of success, or a job, just be a role model and motivate yourself as a job."

What is Patience?

"Self control."

"Patience is good luck, is waiting silently, takes time, tolerance."

"Someone who is thinking their time on work and things."

"Patience is manners and calm and probably in respect."

"Someone who is taking their time or someone who is waiting for someone."

"Someone who is taking time."

"Being able to wait for your time to come. Not doing something bad because you can't get what you want."

"Patience is the ability to wait without getting agitated by the fact that you are waiting."

"Taking time to do something."

"To be able to wait."

"Able to wait."

"Patience is a positive character trait and the ability to keep a good attitude while waiting on something."

"The ability to keep a good attitude while waiting for someone or something. Ability to master something."

"To be calm and understand others."

"To wait on your time."

"Something that can take you a long way and keep you out of certain situations depending on if you want to be in them or not."

"Patience is something that teaches you to wait."

"I think it means you can wait for a long period of time while being calm and not eager."

"The ability to wait."

"Cooperation, integrity, discipline, it's the ability to keep a good attitude while waiting for someone or something."

"Something you want to be I life."

Describe how a father can exude the character trait: "patience is a virtue."

"God."

"By using his patience to live with children."

"While in jail, my family told me to have faith in God and to be patient! And being patient by not fighting and taking this day by day."

"Have tolerance."

"Someone who's there for you teaching you a lot about life and taking their time showing you about a lot of things and a father who's staying [outa] jail and having respect for his kids."

"By showing you real leadership such as showing as much respect as he can and talking to you with proper manners."

"By being honest, showing integrity, and being respectful."

"By being there for you and taking there time to show you stuff about life. And a person you tell how you feel."

"My dad is not in my life at the moment."

"Taking care of a child, building something,

teaching, showing feeling in certain ways.”

“Telling his kids to do right, don’t beat his kid up, help them out through anything he needs.”

“Not beating his jitt because it’s bad. To help him out through the struggle.”

“My mom is my father figure ([cus] my dad is in Cuba) and she doesn’t have any patience.”

“I don’t really have someone to exude so I wouldn’t really know.”

“Taking care of his family.”

“Son, everything will fall in place if you have God you just have to have patience and not be in a rush.”

“I think my father of God is example of patience, is a virtue because he is cooperation to everyone world.”

“Stand your own ground, appreciate life, set goals to accomplish.”

“A man who stands their own ground. A man who remains loyal. A man who cries when no one is around, a man who has much love to show you.”

Patience is a virtue

And

Those who don’t have patience

In reality they will

End up

Not knowing

Certain stuff that

Educates them -----

Very people

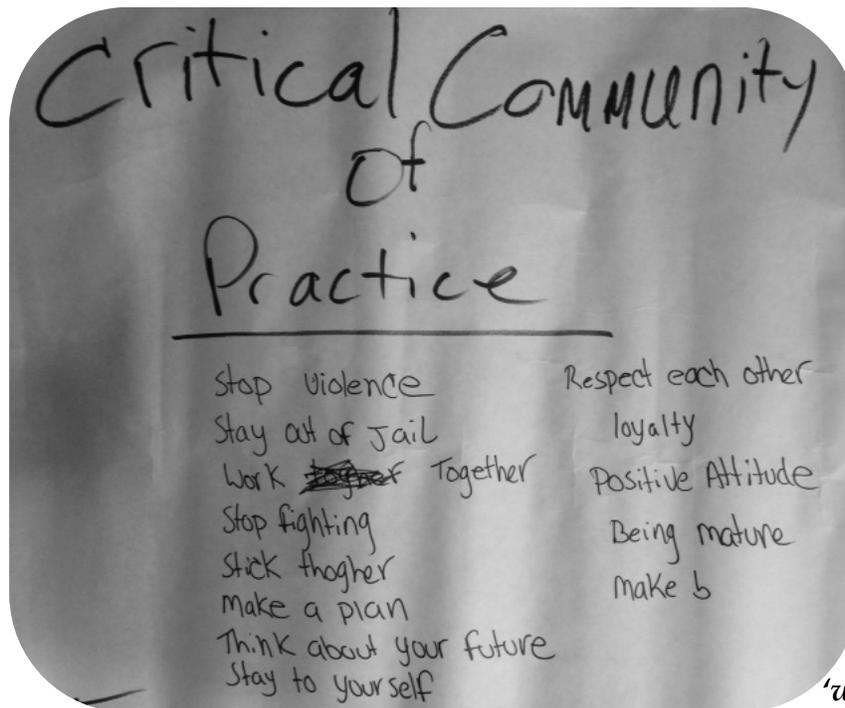
In life don’t

Realize what

They try to show you

Understand what patience is and [how] life would be

Easy for you -----



Readers: The ‘word poems’ above and on the next page

are collaborations between the young men in which the first letter of each line, when read vertically, spells ‘patience’ or ‘virtue.’ Each line includes words that define or use patience or virtue.

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P erseverance	P eople	P arents who raise their children right give them the positive
A bility	A re	A ttitude to be able to wait for their
T eam work	T alented	T ime to come.
I ndependence	I n	I ntegrity within themselves is usually the self discipline people need.
E ducation	E very	E xcellence should be the goal for all people.
N egative	N ational	N ever giving up is an ability given to
C ommunity	C ountry	C hosen ones.
E nsure	E vent	E ducation is key for success.
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V isual	P rayers	V igilance is the way to absorb things into the brain.
I ndifferences	A nswered	I nterpreting positive leaders is an example of a role model.
R ealistic	T hrough	R ewarding yourself by
T emptation	I nteresting	T utoring others and yourself is
U nited	E vents	U nderstanding that cooperation is needed to exceed.
E radication	N othing	E nthusiasm within one self can lead them far in life.
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