

The Calling to a Religious Vocation

A religious vocation is: "A divine call to God's service or to the Christian life." In my words, a religious vocation is God's special plan for certain people. A vocation is a grace from God that enlightens us and strengthens our faith in God. Discovering whether or not one has a religious vocation could be tricky. You would have to have a strong relationship with God and a loving relationship with those around you. Two main traits someone with a religious vocation should have are knowledge and courage. Knowledge is a gift of the spirit. Knowledge is "the acquaintance with facts, truths or principles as from study or education". Knowledge is crucial to a religious vocation because knowledge allows you to make good decisions on your journey that help lead you to eternal life. Courage is "the quality mind or spirit to face difficulty of pain with bravery". Courage helps us to follow Christ in spite of obstacles that would prevent us from following our faith.

Someone who has knowledge and courage is St. Therese the Little Flower. She faced difficulties in her life growing up, but always followed Christ. She used her knowledge and faith, instilled by her parents, and chose her vocation to serve God.

These two qualities are needed in a religious vocation because knowledge would help us choose the right path to follow and courage would help us overcome any fear in following our religious call that is leading us to God.