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 Embracing God's Vision

Faith, passion, and purpose all mix in the complex structure of life to form a singular story that is guided by the hand of God. As I make my way from youth and into adulthood, my life unfolds in line with the purpose that God has for it. I approach the connections of education, service, and professional goals with firm conviction and persistence because I am firmly rooted in my religion, my passion, and my eager pursuit of my desires. My writing dives into the future picture that God has for me, shining light on the journey I take to fulfill my destiny in the field of food science and to make a meaningful difference in the lives of others.

Psalm 32:8 reminds me that my path starts with a firm basis in faith: "I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you." I trust in God's plan for my future and accept His purpose for my life via prayer, reflection, and seeking heavenly guidance. I am guided by Proverbs 3:5-6: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight." I find strength in my religion to lead me in whatever I do, be it studies, volunteer work, or professional goals. I know that God is watching over me. I am a determined high school student who understands that Colossians 3:23–24 calls on me to "work willingly at whatever I do, as though working for the Lord rather than for people." I am committed to academic achievement. I work hard to achieve academic excellence because I know that 2 Timothy 2:15 advises me to "do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth." I prepare myself for the demands of college and beyond by accepting difficulties and developing a growth attitude, trusting that God has given me the intelligence and skills I need to achieve.

Volunteering is a calling that is firmly anchored in empathy, compassion, and the desire to positively impact the lives of others. It is not just for hours or graduating. It reminds me of Matthew 25:40 "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." Another thing I find joy is working at Kumon in assisting kids in realizing their potential and living up to Philippians 2:3–4, which says, "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit." Instead, put the needs of others above your own with humility and consider each other's interests above your own." Beyond Kumon, I take part in a variety of volunteering, realizing that Galatians 6:9 "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." exhorts Christians to teach impoverished pupils or join in community outreach projects. My interest is in food science, where I hope to combine my love of research with my drive for creativity and innovation, even though my heart is in service. My goals are guided by Proverbs 16:3, which says, "Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and he will establish your plans." I am fully immersed in the field of food science through internships, research opportunities, and practical experience, keeping in mind the advice found in Ecclesiastes 9:10, which states, "Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might." Motivated by a desire to tackle worldwide food issues, enhance well-being, and advance food sovereignty, I envision my future profession as a vehicle for constructive transformation, in harmony with the divine mandate to take care of God's creation. God's vision is the guiding thread that ties my experiences, goals, and faith together into a coherent story with meaning and purpose in my life. As a committed high school student, I approach my academic endeavors with attention and enthusiasm because I understand that education is about more than simply gaining knowledge—it's also about developing my character and getting me ready for life beyond graduation. I am reminded in Proverbs 4:13 to "Hold on to instruction, do not let it go; guard it well, for it is your life." This part of my writing sums up my dedication to lifelong learning and development because I know that every lesson I acquire—inside and outside of the classroom—offers me the chance to grow closer to God and accomplish His plans for my life.

My guiding values in high school are faith, honesty, and service. These help me get through the challenges of high school life. According to Psalm 119:105, "Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path." I look to God's word for insight and guidance in the face of academic difficulties, extracurricular activities, and social pressures, relying on His power and trusting in His promises. I try to honor God in whatever I do, whether it's preparing for tests, playing sports, or doing community service, because I know that what I do speaks to His loyalty and love. Furthermore, my devotion to putting my beliefs into practice is seen by my volunteer work and community service. James 2:17 serves as a reminder that "faith by itself is dead if it is not accompanied by action." Motivated by this reality, I proactively look for chances to assist others, be it by lending a hand at neighborhood shelters, educating kids and more chances to help others and volunteer. Through these encounters, I can be the hands and feet of Jesus in a broken and hurting world while also developing my empathy and compassion. I have the honor of using my skills and abilities to improve the lives of young learners as an employee of Kumon. "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these," says Matthew 19:14, and it strikes a chord with me. As a tutor, I work to provide a safe, encouraging atmosphere where kids may succeed academically and develop their self-worth and confidence. Whether it's celebrating a breakthrough or offering support to a student who is having trouble grasping a topic, I consider every contact as a chance to show God's love and grace.

I am steady in my efforts to integrate my religion with my professional pursuits to pursue my career goals, understanding that my job is an extension of my worship. The verse in Colossians 3:17 says to me "And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." As a high schooler wanting to become a food scientist, I am driven by moral values, honesty, and a desire to help others, realizing that the good deeds I perform for society reflect God's kindness and grace. I work to respect God in all I do, whether it's creating sustainable food solutions, promoting food justice, or coaching future scientists. knowing that 1 Corinthians 10:31 reminds me, "So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God."