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Essay Writing Prompt

Theme: I am S.H.A.P.E.d by God

S.H.A.P.E is a concept constructed by Pastor Rick Warren of Saddleback Church. God predesigned a role for you in life. Pastor Warren believes God gives you a unique S.H.A.P.E and when you take time to figure out how God has shaped or is shaping you, it will guide you to walk in your purpose. With the information provided, along with your own biblical research and personal accounts, please convey how you see God using your S.H.A.P.E to order your steps.

S– spiritual gifts: What gifts has the Holy Spirit given me?

H – heart: What do I have the passion for and love to do?

A – abilities: What talents and skills do I have and have I learned?

P – personality: How does my personality affect my shape/ direction for my life?

E – experiences: What experiences have I had?

Other questions to reflect on:

- What are your thoughts on this concept?
- Can you identify your unique S.H.A.P.E? Describe it?
- Can you see how your S.H.A.P.E is guiding the direction of your life?
- In what ways do you feel God has shaped or is shaping you to live a life that counts in Christ?

Scripture References:

Ephesians 2:10 – *For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. (NIV)*

Romans 12:6 – *In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well...(NLT)*

Romans 8:28 – *And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them. (NLT)*

Jeremiah 1:5 – *Before I shaped you in the womb, I knew all about you. Before you saw the light of day, I had holy plans for you...(MSG)*

***Essay must be no less than 2 pages long.**