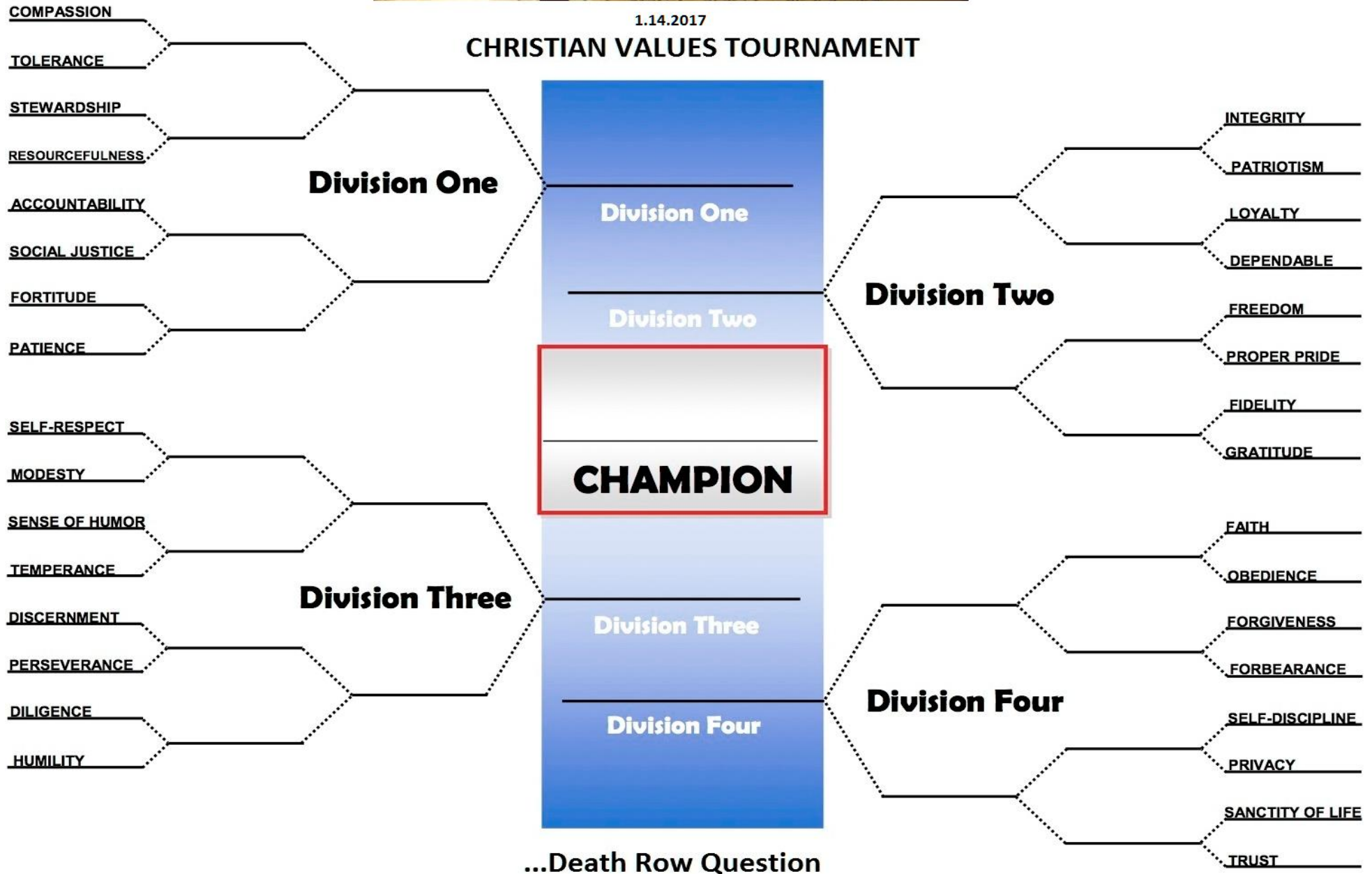




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Values Tournament Definitions

Accountability—Willing to make decisions and accept consequences accordingly

Compassion—Kind actions toward those in difficulty or hardship

Dependable—Worthy of confidence, reliability, or trustworthiness

Diligence—Behavior based on hard work and conscientiousness on the job

Discernment—Ability to make wise decisions driven by one's understanding of right and wrong, good and evil

Faith—Having a spiritual foundation, trusting God and eternal hope He offers

Fidelity—Faithfulness to a person, cause, belief, obligation, or observance

Forbearance—Ability to delay gratification or accept difficult circumstances

Forgiveness—Ceasing resentment toward another do to inappropriate, unprofessional, or unethical words or actions

Fortitude—The courage/conviction to face difficult circumstances or stand strong in one's beliefs

Freedom—Full support of the "Bill of Rights" and its inherent freedoms

Gratitude—A full awareness and thankfulness for how much one has been given by God, parents, and others

Humility—A humble view of one's own importance, talents, or blessings

Integrity—When one's strong moral principles drive his or her behavior

Loyalty—Willingness to defend/respect one's family, traditions, or customs

Modesty—Respect for decency in dress, speech, or conduct

Obedience—Acknowledging rules and laws and the authority of others to enforce them

Patience—The ability to tolerate provocation, annoyance, misfortune, or pain without complaint or anger

Patriotism—Love for, and devotion to, one's country

Perseverance—Tenacity to pursue an endeavor in spite of counter influence, opposition, or discouragement

Privacy—Recognizing each person's right to privacy in personal property, beliefs, and behavior

Proper Pride—To multiply in the lives of others those talents received from God

Resourcefulness—Ability to deal quickly, creatively, and effectively with issues

Sanctity of Life—Complete acknowledgement that all human life, from conception to death, is sacred

Self-Discipline—Controlling one's behavior, desires, and passions for personal welfare and/or the welfare of others

Self-Respect—Appropriate confidence in one's own worth, behavior, and dignity

Sense of Humor—The ability to enjoy life and laugh at one's humanness

Social Justice—Desiring equal treatment for all in the education, economic, health, and criminal justice arenas

Stewardship—Giving of time, talent, or money to individuals or organizations

Temperance—Avoiding excess in behavior or lifestyle

Tolerance—Respecting different races, religions, cultures, and customs

Trust—Having confidence in others' abilities, wisdom, and/or accountability



TODAY IS CHRISTMAS DAY

- **WE HAVE A CHOICE.**
- **WE CAN CHOOSE TO COUNT OUR BLESSINGS BY WHAT WE HAVE RECEIVED...OR BY WHAT WE HAVE GIVEN.**
- **WE CAN CHOOSE TO BE POOR IN SPIRIT...OR ACCRUE SPIRITUAL WEALTH BY SERVING OTHERS.**
- **WE CAN CHOOSE STRIFE AND CHAOS...OR PEACE AND HARMONY.**
- **WE CAN CHOOSE CONDEMNATION...OR FORGIVENESS.**
- **WE CAN CHOOSE WHAT WE WANT...OR WHAT SOMEONE ELSE NEEDS.**
- **WE CAN CHOOSE COMPLACENCY...OR THE COURAGE OF OUR CONVICTIONS.**
- **WE CAN CHOOSE BETRAYAL...OR FIDELITY TO FAMILY, COMMUNITY AND COUNTRY.**
- **WE CAN CHOOSE TO FIND FAULT...OR COMMON GROUND.**
- **WE CAN CHOOSE TO CLOSE OUR MINDS...OR OPEN OUR HEARTS.**
- **WE CAN CHOOSE TO SPREAD A RUMOR...OR SPREAD GOODWILL.**
- **WE CAN COMPLAIN ABOUT OUR STATION IN LIFE...OR THANK GOD FOR WHAT WE HAVE.**
- **WE CAN CHOOSE TO SAY WE'RE TOO BUSY...OR MAKE TIME FOR WHAT MATTERS.**
- **WE CAN BLAME OTHERS...OR ACKNOWLEDGE WHAT WE HAVE DONE AND FAILED TO DO.**
- **WE CAN CHOOSE TO WORRY ABOUT OUR FUTURE...OR HELP OTHERS REACH THEIRS.**
- **WE CAN CHOOSE TO TAKE FOR GRANTED OUR HEALTH, FRIENDS AND FAMILY, FORTUNES OR FREEDOM...OR WE CAN REMEMBER THAT...**

LIVE CHRISTMAS EVERYDAY

