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Mortality Reflections Answer Key

Since this is a journal/reflection activity, answers will vary. Below are **sample strong responses** to guide evaluation:

Step 1 (Sample Response):

If I were Ivan, I would want people to be honest. Even though it is frightening, knowing the truth gives me a chance to prepare and reflect, rather than being trapped in denial.

Step 2 (Sample Response):

Telling the truth is more compassionate, as Gerasim demonstrates. Lies may protect someone temporarily, but they prevent the person from coming to terms with reality. True compassion is not about comfort at all costs; it is about dignity and honesty.

Step 3 (Sample Response):

People often avoid talking about death because it feels uncomfortable and final. However, facing mortality can encourage people to value relationships, live authentically, and focus on what truly matters instead of superficial success.