

## **Exploring Your Values**

Identify your core values. These are the things that are important to you about the way that you live and work. If your actions and behaviors go against your values, you'll likely be uncomfortable and unhappy with what you're doing. By contrast, if you're working in a way that' aligned with them, you'll likely be happy and satisfied. What's interesting is that different people can have quite different values. This is one reason why one person's dreams and life choices can be so radically different from another's.

It's also why it's so important that you chase your own dreams, and not those of other people (such as your parents or partner) – even if they just want the best for you.

Let's discover what your core values are.

Your values are the things that you hold to be important about the way you work, and the way you live your life. Have you heard the tale of the old Cherokee teaching his grandson about good and bad?

He told the boy that everybody has two wolves fighting inside them. One wolf is good, loving, humble, benevolent, and honest. The other is greedy, envious, selfish, and arrogant.

The little boy looked at the old man intently and asked, "Which wolf wins?" The grandfather replied, "The one you feed – that one will surely win."

Our values determine which wolf we feed.



Accountability Diversity Dynamism Accuracy Achievement **Economy** Adventurousness Effectiveness Altruism Efficiency Ambition Elegance Assertiveness **Empathy Balance** Enjoyment Being the best Enthusiasm Belonging Equality **Boldness** Excellence Calmness Excitement Carefulness **Expertise** Challenge Exploration Cheerfulness Expressiveness Clear-mindedness **Fairness** Commitment Faith Community Family-orientation Compassion **Fidelity** Competitiveness **Fitness** Consistency Fluency Contentment **Focus** Continuous Freedom improvement Fun Contribution Generosity Control Goodness

Cooperation Grace Correctness Growth Courtesy **Happiness** Creativity Hard work Health Curiosity Decisiveness Helping society Democratic Honesty Dependability Honor Determination Humility Diligence Independence Discipline Ingenuity Discretion Inner harmony

Inquisitiveness Insightfulness Intelligence Intellectual status Intuition Irreverence Joy **Justice** Leadership Legacy Love Loyalty Making a difference Mastery Merit Obedience Openness Order Originality **Patriotism** Perfection Persistence Philanthropy **Positivity** Practicality

**Preparedness** 

Prudence

Reliability

Restraint

Rigor

Security

Self-control

Selflessness

Professionalism

Quality-orientation

Results-orientation

Self-actualization

Resourcefulness

Sensitivity Serenity Service Shrewdness Simplicity Soundness Speed Spontaneity Stability Strategic Strength Structure Success Support Teamwork Temperance Thankfulness Thoroughness Thoughtfulness **Timeliness** Tolerance Traditionalism Trustworthiness Truth-seeking **Understanding** Uniqueness Unity Usefulness Vision

Self-reliance



| The 5 most important values: |      |      |
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