

EXERCISE: A Values Checklist

Below are some common values. (They are not 'the right ones'; merely common ones.) Please read through the list and write a letter next to each value, based on how important it is to you: V = very important, Q = quite important, and N = not so important. Of course, some values will be more important in one area of life (e.g. parenting) than in another area (e.g. work) – so this is just to get a general sense of the values that tend to matter to you most.

- 1. Acceptance/self-acceptance: to be accepting of myself, others, life, etc.
- 2. Adventure: to be adventurous; to actively explore novel or stimulating experiences
- 3. Assertiveness: to respectfully stand up for my rights and request what I want
- 4. Authenticity: to be authentic, genuine, and real; to be true tomyself
- 5. Caring/self-care: to be caring toward myself, others, the environment, etc.
- 6. Compassion/self-compassion: to act kindly toward myself and others in pain
- 7. Connection: to engage fully in whatever I'm doing and be fully present with others
- 8. Contribution and generosity: to contribute, give, help, assist, or share
- 9. Cooperation: to be cooperative and collaborative with others
- 10. Courage: to be courageous or brave; to persist in the face of fear, threat, or difficulty
- 11. Creativity: to be creative or innovative
- 12. Curiosity: to be curious, open-minded, and interested; to explore and discover
- 13. Encouragement: to encourage and reward behavior that I value in myself or others
- 14. Engagement: to engage fully in what I am doing
- 15. Fairness and justice: to be fair and just to myself or others
- 16. Fitness: to maintain or improve or look after my physical and mental health
- 17. Flexibility: to adjust and adapt readily to changing circumstances
- 18. Freedom and independence: to choose how I live and help others do likewise
- 19. Friendliness: to be friendly, companionable, or agreeable toward others
- 20. Forgiveness/self-forgiveness: to be forgiving toward myself or others
- 21. Fun and humor: to be fun loving; to seek, create, and engage in fun-filled activities
- 22. Gratitude: to be grateful for and appreciative of myself, others, and life
- 23. Honesty: to be honest, truthful, and sincere with myself and others
- 24. Industry: to be industrious, hardworking, and dedicated
- 25. Intimacy: to open up, reveal, and share myself, emotionally or physically
- 26. Kindness: to be kind, considerate, nurturing, or caring toward myself or others
- 27. Love: to act lovingly or affectionately toward myself or others
- 28. Mindfulness: to be open to, engaged in and curious about the present moment
- 29. Order: to be orderly and organized
- 30. Persistence and commitment: to continue resolutely, despite problems or difficulties.
- 31. Respect/self-respect: to treat myself and others with care and consideration
- 32. Responsibility: to be responsible and accountable for my actions
- 33. Safety and protection: to secure, protect, or ensure my own safety or that of others
- 34. Sensuality and pleasure: to create or enjoy pleasurable and sensual experiences
- 35. Sexuality: to explore or express my sexuality
- 36. Skillfulness: to continually practice and improve my skills and apply myself fully
- 37. Supportiveness: to be supportive, helpful and available to myself or others
- 38. Trust: to be trustworthy; to be loyal, faithful, sincere, and reliable
- 39. Other: ____
- 40. Other:_