

PERSONAL VALUES Card Sort Exercise

(created by W.R. Miller et al, University of New Mexico in 2001.)

- 1 To begin, print and cut out each card then shuffle all the value cards except for the blank 'Other Value' cards.
- 2 **IMPORTANT: READ AND COMPLETE EACH STEP IN ORDER, BEFORE MOVING ON.**
- 3 Once the cards are shuffled, go ahead and sort by placing all cards under the relevant heading – 'Very Important to Me', 'Important to ME', 'Not Important to ME'. Be quick, don't over analyse.
- 4 When done, check, move cards if necessary. Now remove all cards except those under 'Very Important'.
- 5 Prioritise then remove all cards except top 5.
- 6 Challenge yourself: 'Why is this important to me? Is it really MY value?'
- 7 Check priority again by comparing each value. 'If I could have X or Y which would I choose?'
- 8 Establish final, prioritised list of 5 values.





ACCEPTANCE

to be accepted as I am

ACCURACY

to be accurate in my opinions and beliefs

ACHIEVEMENT

to have important accomplishments

ADVENTURE

to have new and exciting experiences

ATTRACTIVENESS

to be physically attractive

AUTHORITY

to be in charge of and responsible for others

AUTONOMY

to be self-determined and independent

BEAUTY

to appreciate beauty around me

CARING

to take care of others

CHALLENGE

to take on difficult tasks and problems



CHANGE

to have a life full of change and variety

COMFORT

to have a pleasant and comfortable life

COMMITMENT

to make enduring, meaningful commitments

COMPASSION

to feel and act on concern for others

CONTRIBUTION

to make a lasting contribution in the world

CO-OPERATION

to work collaboratively with others

COURTESY

to be considerate and polite toward others

CREATIVITY

to have new and original ideas

DEPENDABILITY

to be reliable and trustworthy

DUTY

to carry out my duties and obligations



ECOLOGY

to live in harmony with the environment

EXCITEMENT

to have a life full of thrills and stimulation

FAITHFULNESS

to be loyal and true in relationships

FAME

to be known and recognised

FAMILY

to have a happy, loving family

FITNESS

to be physically fit and strong

FLEXIBILITY

to adjust to new circumstances easily

FORGIVENESS

to be forgiving of others

FRIENDSHIP

to have close, supportive friends

FUN

to play and have fun



GENEROSITY

to give what I have to others

GENUINENESS

to act in a manner that is true to who I am

GOD'S WILL

to seek and obey the will of God

GROWTH

to keep changing and growing

HEALTH

to be physically well and healthy

HELPFULNESS

to be helpful to others

HONESTY

to be honest and truthful

HOPE

to maintain a positive and optimistic outlook

HUMILITY

to be modest and unassuming

HUMOUR

to see the humorous side of myself and the world



INDEPENDENCE

to be free from dependence on others

INDUSTRY

to work hard and well at my life tasks

INNER PEACE

to experience personal peace

INTIMACY

to share my innermost experiences with others

JUSTICE

to promote fair and equal treatment for all

KNOWLEDGE

to learn and contribute valuable knowledge

LEISURE

to take time to relax and enjoy

LOVED

to be loved by those close to me

LOVING

to give love to others

MASTERY

to be competent in my everyday activities



MINDFULNESS

to live conscious and mindful of the present moment

MODERATION

to avoid excesses and find a middle ground

MONOGAMY

to have one close, loving relationship

NON-CONFORMITY

to question and challenge authority and norms

NURTURANCE

to take care of and nurture others

OPENNESS

to be open to new experiences, ideas, and options

ORDER

to have a life that is well-ordered and organized

PASSION

to have deep feelings about ideas, activities, or people

PLEASURE

to feel good

POPULARITY

to be well-liked by many people



POWER

to have control over others

PURPOSE

to have meaning and direction in my life

RATIONALITY

to be guided by reason and logic

REALISM

to see and act realistically and practically

RESPONSIBILITY

to make and carry out responsible decisions

RISK

to take risks and chances

ROMANCE

to have intense, exciting love in my life

SAFETY

to be safe and secure

SELF-ACCEPTANCE

to accept myself as I am

SELF-CONTROL

to be disciplined in my own actions



SELF-ESTEEM

to feel good about myself

SELF-KNOWLEDGE

to have a deep and honest understanding of myself

SERVICE

to be of service to others

SEXUALITY

to have an active and satisfying sex life

SIMPLICITY

to live life simply, with minimal needs

SOLITUDE

to have time and space where I can be apart from others

SPIRITUALITY

to grow and mature spiritually

STABILITY

to have a life that stays fairly consistent

TOLERANCE

to accept and respect those who differ from me

TRADITION

to follow respected patterns of the past



VIRTUE

to live a morally pure and excellent life

WEALTH

to have plenty of money

WORLD PEACE

to work to promote peace in the world

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