

Global Experts Accelerator

Discovering Your Core Values

An exploration of what matters most to you.



"Vision is a heart-felt, purpose-driven expression of what we intend to create in the future by taking courageous, focused action today."

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Let the Journey Begin!

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Seven Steps to Getting Clear about What Matters Most

It's been my personal experience that discovering your top five core values can bring clarity to all aspects of your life.

If you have not clearly defined your top five personal values, I encourage you to make time for this right away. While you will need about 45 minutes to begin, it is an ongoing exploration that will become more and clear as you become the observer of whether you are living your life in or out of alignment with your values.

Put simply, your values are the most important defining factor to your overall happiness. By being aware of your values, you can commit to making them a priority and honoring them in your life. They represent the qualities that you stand for and act as a guide to what you want more of in your life.

Understanding your values also provides insight as to why you feel the way you do at any given time. When you are living your day-to-day life as an expression of your values you will feel energized, proud and excited about life. Living a life that is NOT an expression of your top five values often creates discord, a sense of sadness and sometimes overwhelm.

What makes the discussion of values a bit tricky is that quite often the reality that the values we perceive to be most important often are NOT the values we have structured our life around. For example, a high ranking executive in a company may say they value family, yet three nights a week she arrives home just in time to get the kids to bed. Our actions are evidence of our true values. We give time to the things that we value most.

Another incongruence of values often shows up in the area of health and fitness. We may say that health is a top priority, yet we skip our exercise routine regularly and put processed foods into our bodies. The two simply don't match up.

The process of discovering your values is as follows...

Step 1:

Place a check mark next to the values that are important to you. (You get to check as many as you like, so have fun with this.)

Step 2:

Highlight in vibrant color the twelve values that if you could only live a life around these 12 values you would feel a sense of peace and fulfillment.

Step 3:

Get a set of 12 index cards and write on each card in big, bold letters one of the 12 values you have selected.

Step 4:

To the best of your ability, select 6 of the cards that at this time are very important to you. Don't worry you are not committing to make these your top six. You are simply going by instinct to aid in the process of elimination.

* If you are having difficulty selecting the six, proceed to the Perfect Day exercise at the end of this handout. It will give you clues as to what you want your top values to be in the future.

Step 5:

Lay the six remaining cards in a row before you from top to bottom. Take the top card and hold it in your left hand. Now pick up the next card at the top of the row and hold it in your right hand. Imagine that you are given the chance to live a life with one value but not the other, which would you choose? Whichever is the least important put it off to the side face down.

Step 6:

You now have the "winning value" of the two. Hold it in your left hand and pick up the next card in your right hand. Imagine that you are given the chance to live a life with one value but not the other, which would you choose? Whichever is the least important put it off to the side face down.

Step 7:

Repeat this process for each of the six cards until you have your last two. Now begin the process with each of the remaining cards. As you narrow the number of cards to 5, notice that the same cards remain in the pile. These are likely your top five values.

Abundance	Agility	Awareness
Acceptance	Alertness	Awe
Accessibility	Altruism	Balance
Accomplishment	Ambition	Beauty
Accuracy	Amusement	Being the best
Achievement	Anticipation	Belonging
Acknowledgement	Appreciation	Benevolence
Activeness	Approachability	Bliss
Adaptability	Articulacy	Boldness
Adoration	Assertiveness	Bravery
Adroitness	Assurance	Brilliance
Adventure	Attentiveness	Buoyancy
Affection	Attractiveness	Calmness
Affluence	Audacity	Camaraderie
Aggressiveness	Availability	Candor

Capability	Cordiality	Economy
Care	Correctness	Ecstasy
Carefulness	Courage	Education
Celebrity	Courtesy	Effectiveness
Certainty	Craftiness	Efficiency
Challenge	Creativity	Elation
Charity	Credibility	Elegance
Charm	Cunning	Empathy
Chastity	Curiosity	Encouragement
Cheerfulness	Daring	Endurance
Clarity	Decisiveness	Energy
Cleanliness	Decorum	Enjoyment
Clear-mindedness	Deference	Entertainment
Cleverness	Delight	Enthusiasm
Closeness	Dependability	Excellence
Comfort	Depth	Excitement
Commitment	Desire	Exhilaration
Compassion	Determination	Expectancy
Completion	Devotion	Expediency
Composure	Devoutness	Experience
Concentration	Dexterity	Expertise
Confidence	Dignity	Exploration
Conformity	Diligence	Expressiveness
Congruency	Direction	Extravagance
Connection	Directness	Extroversion
Consciousness	Discipline	Exuberance
Consistency	Discovery	Fairness
Contentment	Discretion	Faith
Continuity	Diversity	Fame
Contribution	Dominance	Family
Control	Dreaming	Fascination
Conviction	Drive	Fashion
Conviviality	Duty	Fearlessness
Coolness	Dynamism	Ferocity
Cooperation	Eagerness	Fidelity

Fierceness	Humor	Loyalty
Financial independence	Hygiene	Majesty
Firmness	Imagination	Making a difference
Fitness	Impact	Mastery
Flexibility	Impartiality	Maturity
Flow	Independence	Meekness
Fluency	Industry	Mellowness
Focus	Ingenuity	Meticulousness
Fortitude	Inquisitiveness	Mindfulness
Frankness	Insightfulness	Modesty
Freedom	Inspiration	Motivation
Friendliness	Integrity	Mysteriousness
Frugality	Intelligence	Neatness
Fun	Intensity	Nerve
Gallantry	Intimacy	Obedience
Generosity	Intrepidness	Open-mindedness
Gentility	Introversion	Openness
Giving	Intuition	Optimism
Grace	Intuitiveness	Order
Gratitude	Inventiveness	Organization
Gregariousness	Investing	Originality
Growth	Joy	Outlandishness
Guidance	Judiciousness	Outrageousness
Happiness	Justice	Passion
Harmony	Keenness	Peace
Health	Kindness	Perceptiveness
Heart	Knowledge	Perfection
Helpfulness	Leadership	Perkiness
Heroism	Learning	Perseverance
Holiness	Liberation	Persistence
Honesty	Liberty	Persuasiveness
Honor	Liveliness	Philanthropy
Hopefulness	Logic	Piety
Hospitality	Longevity	Playfulness
Humility	Love	Pleasantness

Pleasure	Reverence	Stealth
Poise	Richness	Stillness
Polish	Rigor	Strength
Popularity	Sacredness	Structure
Potency	Sacrifice	Success
Power	Sagacity	Support
Practicality	Saintliness	Supremacy
Pragmatism	Sanguinity	Surprise
Precision	Satisfaction	Sympathy
Preparedness	Security	Synergy
Presence	Self-control	Teamwork
Privacy	Selflessness	Temperance
Proactivity	Self-reliance	Thankfulness
Professionalism	Sensitivity	Thoroughness
Prosperity	Sensuality	Thoughtfulness
Prudence	Serenity	Thrift
Punctuality	Service	Tidiness
Purity	Sexuality	Timeliness
Realism	Sharing	Traditionalism
Reason	Shrewdness	Tranquility
Reasonableness	Significance	Transcendence
Recognition	Silence	Trust
Recreation	Silliness	Trustworthiness
Refinement	Simplicity	Truth
Reflection	Sincerity	Understanding
Relaxation	Skillfulness	Unflappability
Reliability	Solidarity	Uniqueness
Religiousness	Solitude	Unity
Resilience	Soundness	Usefulness
Resolution	Speed	Utility
Resolve	Spirit	Valor
Resourcefulness	Spirituality	Variety
Respect	Spontaneity	Victory
Rest	Spunk	Vigor
Restraint	Stability	Virtue

	Vision		Wealth		Wittiness	
	Vitality		Willfulness		Wonder	
	Vivacity		Willingness		Youthfulness	
	Warmth		Winning		Zeal	
	Watchfulness		Wisdom			
Perfect Day Exercise						
For some, getting clarity around your values will require more self reflection. For this, you might try the						

Perfect Day Exercise. This involves the process of writing down, in as much detail as possible, a narrative description of your perfect day from the moment you wake up until the moment you go to bed.

What will you do? Where will you be?

Who will you spend time with? How will it feel?

Once you have described your perfect day in details look for clues. Usually elements of those things you value most show up in your ideal day.

As you identified what seems to be your top 5 or 7 values, place them on a 4 by 5 index card and keep it near you at all times. At the start of the day, review your values and ask how you might honor your values throughout your daily activities. At the end of your day, reflect on where your actions were in alignment with your values and notice how that feels. Then, note where your actions were NOT in alignment with your values and notice how that feels as well.

A Never Ending Journey

Please remember that the process of discovering the top values by which you wish to live your life is a journey not a destination. As you life circumstances change, so will your values. Herein lies the beauty of consciously living a value-centered life, for you will be more empowered to make powerful choices that bring you peace, fulfillment and success.

Above all... enjoy the process!

Note: This exercise is just a small sample of the many incredible exercises included in Jane's highly acclaimed course for service-based entrepreneurs, entitled Business Breakthrough Experience.

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