# Values Clarification Exercise

## Step 1: What Are Values?

Values are the principles and standards that guide our decisions and actions. They reflect what matters most to us and help us live a meaningful life.

## Step 2: Exploring Your Values

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| Achievement | Adventure | Authenticity | Balance | Beauty | Belonging |
| Calmness | Caring | Commitment | Community | Compassion | Connection |
| Contribution | Courage | Creativity | Curiosity | Dependability | Determination |
| Diversity | Empathy | Equality | Excellence | Fairness | Faith |
| Family | Freedom | Fun | Generosity | Gratitude | Growth |
| Happiness | Harmony | Health | Honesty | Humor | Independence |
| Integrity | Justice | Kindness | Knowledge | Learning | Love |
| Loyalty | Mindfulness | Open-mindedness | Optimism | Patience | Peace |
| Perseverance | Personal Development | Respect | Responsibility | Security | Self-expression |
| Service | Spirituality | Stability | Success | Trust | Wisdom |

Below is a list of possible values. Take your time reviewing them. Circle or highlight any values that resonate with you, even if you are not currently living by them:

## Step 3: Narrowing Down Your Core Values

1. Initial Selection: Circle or highlight at least 10-15 values from the list above.
2. Prioritization: From your initial selection, narrow down to 5 core values that feel most authentic.
3. Of the 5 remaining, select the 2 most important to you.
4. **Reflection Questions:**

* Why are these values important to me?
* How do they show up in my daily life?
* When have I felt most connected to this value?

## Step 4: Bringing Values to Life

For each core value you have identified, reflect on the following prompts:  
1. What does this value mean to me?  
2. How am I currently living by this value?  
3. What is one small action I can take to honor this value this week?

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| Core Value | What It Means to Me | How I Currently Live This Value | One Small Action |
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## Step 5: Visualization

Take a few moments to close your eyes and imagine a day where you are fully living in alignment with your core values:  
- What does this day look like?  
- How do you feel?  
- Who are you with?  
- What are you doing?

## Step 6: Reflection and Check-In

1. Set a reminder to revisit this exercise in one month.  
2. Reflect on your progress:  
- Are your actions aligning with your core values?  
- Have any values shifted in importance?  
- What challenges are you facing in living your values, and how can you address them?