

CHARACTER STRENGTHS SURVEY

Think about who you are as a person. Indicate whether each strength is very much like you, often like you, at times like you, not often like you, or not at all like you.

Strength	Description	Very Much Like Me	Often Like me	Some Times Like Me	Not Often Like Me	Not At All Like Me
Creativity	I like to think of new and better ways of doing things.					
Curiosity	I am always asking questions and love to discover new things.					
Judgment	I look at all sides of an issue to come up with the right answer.					
Love of learning	I love to learn new things.					
Wisdom	I am considered wise because I evaluate things from different perspectives.					
Bravery	I speak up for what is right, even if others do not agree with me.					
Persevere	I finish what I start, even if it becomes difficult.					
Honesty	I speak the truth and I take responsibility for my feelings and behaviors.					
Zest	I live life as an adventure filled with excitement and energy.					
Love	I value the close relationships I have with others.					
Kindness	I enjoy helping others, even if I do not know them well.					
Social intelligence	I pay attention to the motives and feelings of others.					
Teamwork	I always do my share and I work hard for the success of my group.					
Fairness	I treat all people in a fair and just manner.					
Leadership	I am good at providing leadership and direction when I am with a group of people.					
Forgiveness	I am willing to forgive someone who has done something wrong.					

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Humility	I am humble and let my actions speak more than my words.					
Prudence	I am careful about what I do and strive not to do things I might later regret.					
Self-control	I pay attention and am always in control of what I do and say.					
Appreciate excellence	I appreciate the beautiful and wonderful things in life.					
Gratitude	I pay attention to the good things that happen to me and express my thanks.					
Hope	I believe that good things are coming to me now.					
Humor	I like to laugh, smile, and see the good in all situations.					
Spirituality	I feel my life has a higher purpose that fits within the larger meaning of life.					

Realize that people have different strengths and that you can choose to build new strengths throughout your life.

Looking over this list, what do you think are your five most important strengths?

Looking over this list, what are the strengths you would most like to develop?

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