## The Values Checklist



Below is a list of values that people sometimes care about...but not always. Work through the list and for each value, indicate how important it is to you from zero (not at all important) to three (very important).

Two things to keep in mind...

- (1) You are answering in the ideal. Imagine if you were living the perfect life. What would you be doing? What would be caring about?
- (2) You are answering for yourself and nobody else. Sometimes we feel pulled to care about things (or not care about things) because someone in our life wants us to feel a certain way. For now, try to suspend that pressure and focus on things that you find important.

	Values	For each value, rate it based on if it is: Not				
		Important (0), Somewhat important (1), Important				
		(2) or Very Important (3)	0	1	2	3
1.	ACCEPTANCE	To be accepted as I am				
2.	ACCURACY	To be correct in my opinions and beliefs				
3.	ACHIEVEMENT	To have important accomplishments				
4.	ADVENTURE	To have new and exciting experiences				
5.	ART	To appreciate or express myself in art				
6.	ATTRACTIVENESS	To be physically attractive				
7.	AUTHORITY	To be in charge of others				
8.	AUTONOMY	To be self-determined and independent				
9.	BEAUTY	To appreciate beauty around me				
10.	BELONGING	To have a sense of being part of				
11.	CARING	To take care of others				
12.	CHALLENGE	To take on difficult tasks and problems				
13.	COMFORT	To have a pleasant, comfortable life				
14.	COMMITMENT	To honor promises I make				
15.	COMPASSION	To feel and act on concerns for others				
16.	COMPLEXITY	To embrace the intricacies of life				
17.	COMPROMISE	To be willing to negotiate, reach agreements				
18.	CONTRIBUTION	To make a lasting contribution in the world				
19.	COOPERATION	To work collaboratively with others				
20.	COURAGE	To be brave, strong in the face of adversity				
21.	COURTESY	To be considerate and polite to others				
22.	CREATIVITY	To create new things, ideas				
23.	CURIOSITY	To seek out, learn, experience new things				
24.	DEPENDABILITY	To be reliable and trustworthy				

25.	DILIGENCE	To be thorough and conscientious in whatever I do		
26.	DUTY	To carry out my duties, obligations		
27.	ECOLOGY	To live in harmony with the environment		
28.	EXCITEMENT	To have a life full of thrills and stimulation		
29.	FAITHFULNESS	To be loyal and true in relationships		
30.	FAME	To be known and recognized		
31.	FAMILY	To have a happy, loving family		
32.	FITNESS	To be physically fit and strong		
33.	FLEXIBILITY	To adjust to new circumstances easily		
34.	FORGIVENESS	To be forgiving of others		
35.	FREEDOM	To be from undue restrictions, limitations		
36.	FRIENDSHIP	To have close, supportive friends		
37.	FUN	To play and enjoy myself		
38.	GENEROSITY	To give what I have to others		
39.	GENUINENESS	To act in a manner that is true to who I am		
40.	GOD'S WILL	To seek and obey the will of God		
41.	GRATITUDE	To be thankful, appreciative		
42.	GROWTH	To keep changing, growing		
43.	HEALTH	To be physically well and healthy		
44.	HONESTY	To be honest, truthful		
45.	HOPE	To maintain a positive, optimistic outlook		
46.	HUMILITY	To be modest		
47.	HUMOR	To experience the lighter side of life, laugh		
48.	IMAGINATION	To have dreams and see possibilities		
49.	INDEPENDENCE	To be free from depending on others		
50.	INDUSTRY	To work hard and well at my life tasks		
51.	INNER PEACE	To experience personal peace		
52.	INTEGRITY	To live life consistent with my values		
53.	INTELLIGENCE	To keep my mind sharp and active		
54.	INTIMACY	To share my innermost experiences with others		
55.	JUSTICE	To promote fair, equal treatment for all		
56.	KNOWLEDGE	To learn and share valuable information		
57.	LEADERSHIP	To inspire and guide others		
58.	LEISURE	To take time to relax and enjoy		
59.	LOVED	To be loved by those close to me		
60.	LOVING	To give love to others		
61.	MASTERY	To be competent in everyday activities		
62.	MINDFULNESS	To be conscious and mindful of the present		
63.	MODERATION	To avoid excesses and find middle ground		
64.	MONOGAMY	To have one close, loving relationship		
65.	MUSIC	To enjoy or express myself in music		
66.	NON-CONFORMITY	To question, challenge authority, norms		
67.	NOVELTY	To have a life full of change, variety		
68.	NURTURANCE	To encourage and support others		
69.	OPENNESS	To welcome new experiences, ideas, options		
70.	ORDER	To live life in an organized way		
71.	PASSION	To have deep, strong feelings		

72.	PATRIOTISM	To love, serve, protect my country			
73.	PLEASURE	To feel good			
74.	POPULARITY	To be well-liked by many people			
75.	POWER	To have control over others			
76.	PRACTICALITY	To focus on what is prudent and sensible			
77.	PROTECT	To keep myself and loved ones safe			
78.	PROVIDE	To take care of family, loved ones			
79.	PURPOSE	To have meaning and direction in my life			
80.	RATIONALITY	To be guided by reason, logic, evidence			
81.	RELIGIOSITY	To practice an organized religion			
82.	REALISM	To see and act realistically and practically			
83.	RESPONSIBILITY	To make, carry out responsible decisions			
84.	RISK	To take risks and chances			
85.	ROMANCE	To have intense, exciting love in my life			
86.	SAFETY	To be safe and secure			
87.	SELF-ACCEPTANCE	To accept myself as I am			
88.	SELF-CONTROL	To be disciplined in my own actions			
89.	SELF-ESTEEM	To feel good about myself			
90.	SELF-KNOWLEDGE	To have a deep, honest understanding of myself			
91.	SERVICE	To be helpful, serve and support others			
92.	SEXUALITY	To have an active, satisfying sex life			
93.	SIMPLICITY	To live a life simply, with minimal needs			
94.	SOLITUDE	To have time, experiences by myself			
95.	SPIRITUALITY	To grow and mature spiritually			
96.	STABILITY	To have consistent experiences			
97.	TOLERANCE	To accept, respect those who differ from me			
98.	TRADITION	To follow respected patterns of the past			
99.	VIRTUE	To live a morally pure and excellent life			
100.	WEALTH	To have plenty of money			
101.	WORLD PEACE	To work to promote peace in the world			
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Finally, we need to come up with some "valued areas." We need to come up with a structure for what you find important. Instead of having a list of lots of important things, we want to create some groups. To start, scan the list above and find two words that seem to go together. Below, write them down (and then cross them off above. Keep scanning the list and adding words that fit with those two. Once you get stuck, move on to a new group. Ultimately, you want to end up with a handful of groups (again, no magic number). These are your "valued areas" and will help you set goals in therapy.