

## Values Arrangement List for Teens

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What are Values? - values are your preferred life ideals and daily behaviors that you care most deeply about in your life. Your values can be best understood when thought of in terms of the priorities you place upon them and the role they play in your decisions, choices and actions. Thinking about your values as a system of life ideals and behavioral actions i.e., you're priority list, will help you make better choices, more accurate decisions and help you experience more satisfaction in your accomplishments and confidences in the choices you make.

The VAL for Teens report is designed to help you examine your values. Exploring the values in the two lists below is the first step, clarifying and confirming your values is the second step. Living a life that supports and affirms your values is the ultimate step.

| Your Life Values:<br>ideals to live up to in your life | Your Daily Values:<br>behaviors to live by on a day to day basis |
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| Primary Importance                                     | Primary Importance   |
| Family: a good home environment, parents               | Honesty: being truthful and sincere                              |
| Self-Worth: being proud of oneself                     | Love: being affectionate, loving and tender                      |
| Love: a lasting romantic relationship                  | Creativity: being imaginative and innovative                     |
| Achievement: reaching your goals                       | Drive: being ambitious and hard working                          |
| Wisdom: knowledge, education                           | Cooperation: being helpful to others, a team player              |
| Secondary Importance                                   | Secondary Importance   |
| Service: helping others                                | Self-Reliance: being independent and free                        |
| Health: a sound mind and healthy body                  | Tolerance: being patient, open-minded and accepting              |
| Independence: freedom to be what you want              | Intelligence: being smart, knowledgeable and intellectual        |
| Inner Peace: lasting harmony and freedom from violence | <b>Competence:</b> being skillful, efficient and productive      |
| Friendship: having friends you trust and relate to     | Humor: being entertaining, witty and funny                       |
| Less Importance  | Less Importance  |
| Wealth: money to buy whatever you want                 | Beauty: being good looking and physically attractive             |
| Adventure: pursuing excitement and taking risks        | Courage: being brave and fearless                                |
| Power: influence, control of others                    | Forgiveness: being able to forgive, forget and let go            |
| Easy Life: no need to work hard, time to have fun      | Athletics: being good at sports                                  |
| Faith: belief in a higher power                        | Popularity: being in with the right crowd, fashionable           |

## Suggestions for clarifying and confirming your life and daily values:

- Define your Primary Importance values in your own terms.
- Share and discuss your list of values with your parents, teacher and friends.
- Clarify and confirm your most important values through self-awareness exercises.
- Think about what is most important to you before taking action or making decisions.
- Monitor your thoughts and feelings for clues about your real values.

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