

Coming Near to the Decision

Why Am I Like This?

It doesn't take us long to figure out that we're all individuals and that people have very different opinions. However, it does take a lifetime to figure out why we have different opinions than somebody else. Oftentimes, our friends and parents can help us do this. They can see why we're like what we are. And it is important in the decision-making process to understand why we tend to be convinced one way or the other. Not only does it help people understand what we have decided, but it helps us make clearer decisions.

This is a questionnaire you can ask friends, parents, brothers and sisters to fill out about *you*. It should be very revealing.

First we make up the questions. The following is a list of possible things we might value. From the list, choose ten and copy them (the whole question) on the questionnaire sheet. Make several copies of the sheet when you have finished. Then give it out to your friends, etc., to answer for you. The results should be interesting.

Here are some suggestions for making up your list. Choose ten or make up your own. Put first the ones that mean the *most* to you:

1. The most important thing to me in friendship is:
 - a. Someone who is honest with me.
 - b. Someone to have fun with.
 - c. Someone who feels the same way I do about things.
2. If someone gave me \$500, I would probably:
 - a. Save it.
 - b. Give it to charity, to someone who needed it.
 - c. Buy something for myself.
3. If I had my choice I would rather live
 - a. In the country.
 - b. In a suburb.
 - c. In a small town.
 - d. In a big city.
4. If I had my choice I would rather be
 - a. The oldest child.
 - b. The youngest child
 - c. In a big city.