

What Are Your Values?

How do your values affect the decisions you make? Answer the questions below on your own. Then get together with 1 to 3 people and share your answers with each other. When your answers differ, take turns explaining why you chose the answer you did.

1. When it comes to making a tough decision, I generally:
 - struggle for days
 - wait to see what someone else will do
 - never ask for advice
 - make a snap decision
 - ask for advice
 - hope it will go away
2. The hardest decisions for me are usually when (*rank top three*):
 - ___ money is involved
 - ___ my reputation is on the line
 - ___ my moral values are involved
 - ___ friendship is involved
 - ___ my popularity is at stake
3. The biggest fear I have to deal with in standing up for what I believe is:
 - being laughed at
 - getting someone else in trouble
 - losing my friends
 - standing alone
 - being wrong
 - other: _____

There are many tough situations in life that call for decisions. You may take one of a variety of actions or do nothing. What would you do in each situation below?

1. You don't agree with the behavior of a friend. What do you do?
 - ignore it
 - stop running around with him/her
 - confront him/her about it
 - talk to someone else about it
2. Your best friend never studies. It's exam time and he wants to cheat off your paper. He'll flunk if you don't let him. What do you do?
 - let him copy
 - quietly explain your feelings about cheating
 - refuse him but offer to help him study for the next exam
 - tell the teacher
 - cover your paper
3. You are the friend of someone who has been deliberately omitted from a party. What do you do?
 - ignore the offense and go
 - call and ask why
 - refuse to go
 - have my own party
4. Your friends are going out to a beer party and you're invited. What do you do?
 - tell them you don't drink
 - go along but don't drink
 - tell their parents
 - make some excuse
 - join the party