

RANKINGS

RANKING CAREERS

To recognize our calling in life, it helps to eliminate some lines of work we would *not* like to do. Look over the list below and choose the three WORST options for a future career. Share your choices with your group.

- ___ crowd-control officer at a rock concert
- ___ organizer of paperwork for Congress
- ___ scriptwriter for Barney and Baby Bop
- ___ public relations manager for Madonna
- ___ public relations manager for Dennis Rodman
- ___ researcher studying the spawning habits of Alaskan salmon
- ___ bodyguard for Rush Limbaugh on a speaking tour of feminist groups
- ___ toy assembly person for a local toy store over the holidays
- ___ middle or high school principal
- ___ nurse's aide at a home for retired Sumo wrestlers
- ___ consistency expert for a chewing gum manufacturer
- ___ official physician for the National Association of Hypochondriacs
- ___ chief animal-control officer at Jurassic Park
- ___ pump operator for a portable toilet company



FUN MONEY

Imagine that a rich aunt or uncle just gave you \$1,000. Decide how much you would spend in each of the following categories. Get together in groups of about 4 and compare your results.

- ___ clothes
- ___ sports equipment / lessons
- ___ eating out
- ___ household items
- ___ vacation
- ___ savings
- ___ concerts, movies, theater, etc.
- ___ my hobby
- ___ computer stuff
- ___ gifts for others
- ___ sporting events
- ___ music or stereo equipment
- ___ reading material
- ___ church

CHOOSING FRIENDS

Get together with one to three others and look over the list of qualities that you look for in a friend. See if you can agree on the top five.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> similar lifestyle | <input type="checkbox"/> plenty of time for me | <input type="checkbox"/> laid-back |
| <input type="checkbox"/> honesty | <input type="checkbox"/> plenty of money | <input type="checkbox"/> loyalty |
| <input type="checkbox"/> nice smile | <input type="checkbox"/> intelligence | <input type="checkbox"/> common interests |
| <input type="checkbox"/> generosity | <input type="checkbox"/> dependability | <input type="checkbox"/> straight morals |
| <input type="checkbox"/> spiritual depth | <input type="checkbox"/> outgoing personality | <input type="checkbox"/> shares personally |
| <input type="checkbox"/> commitment | <input type="checkbox"/> spontaneous | <input type="checkbox"/> similar background |
| <input type="checkbox"/> good looks | <input type="checkbox"/> great sense of humor | <input type="checkbox"/> speaks his or her mind |
| <input type="checkbox"/> good listener | <input type="checkbox"/> popularity | <input type="checkbox"/> fun to be with |

FINAL JEOPARDY

Imagine you've entered the final round of *Jeopardy!* with \$4,000. Your opponents have \$4,500 and \$5,000. How much of your \$4,000 would you risk if the final category would be each of the following? Write down an amount on each line. Then take turns sharing your answers with the group.

- _____ understanding the opposite sex
- _____ current rock groups
- _____ Federal Income Tax forms
- _____ auto mechanics
- _____ popular video games
- _____ names in the Old Testament
- _____ current movies
- _____ spelling
- _____ famous football players
- _____ United States history
- _____ world geography
- _____ current fashion fads



IRRESISTIBLE BARGAINS

Many of us look for bargains. In groups of 4 or more, go around and let each person answer the first question. Then go around on the second question.

1. Which of the following bargains would you have the greatest trouble resisting? Rank your top two.

- 30% off sale on fine gourmet chocolates
- one month of a premium cable channel free for signing up for another month
- "second entree free" coupon at a romantic restaurant
- free airline ticket in exchange for looking at time-share property
- 2-for-1 sale in the clothing department of your favorite department store
- box seats at general admission prices for your favorite sports team
- fine piece of antique furniture going for two-thirds listed value at an auction
- chance to get tickets for live performance of your favorite singer or band for half-price
- free membership to an athletic club or gym for a month

2. Rank where you would fall on the following continuum. "When it comes to bargains, I am generally ..."

1 2 3 4 5
cynical suspicious cautious receptive ready and eager!



HOME REMEDY FOR A FEVER

Nearly everyone has a special prescription for treating a fever or cold. But what about your spiritual and emotional ailments? Go around the group on the first question. Then go around on the next question.

1. If your inner emotional state during this past week could be measured with a thermometer, what would have been your temperature?
 - 98.6 degrees—normal, healthy, full of vitality
 - 97.5 degrees—turning cold in the midst of stress and demands
 - 99.9 degrees—Probably no one noticed, but I've been a little out of sorts.
 - 102 degrees—Things have definitely been heating up inside of me.
 - 106 degrees—The stress is burning my brain, everything is hazy, and I'm not sure how I made it this far!

2. In the midst of what is happening inside of you, what has been your favorite "fever reducer" this past week?
 - encouragement from my spouse or significant other
 - a friend or friends who have listened
 - my prayer and devotional time
 - support from this group
 - my extended family
 - playing some of my favorite music
 - time alone
 - watching TV and losing myself in the miseries of others
 - other: _____

