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 on
See if you can agree

Get together with one	to three others and look over the I	list of qualities that you look for in a friend.
See if you can agree	on the top five.	
similar lifestyle	plenty of time for me	laid-back
honesty	plenty of money	loyalty
nice smile	intelligence	common interests
generosity	dependability	straight morals
spiritual depth	outgoing personality	shares personally
commitment	spontaneous	similar background
good looks	great sense of humor	speaks his or her mind
good listener	popularity	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

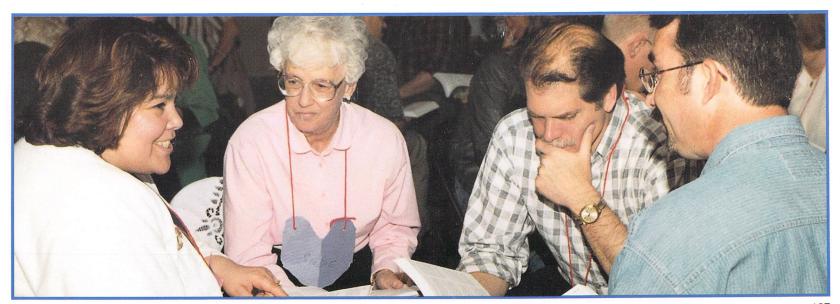
☐ fine piece of antique furniture going for two-thirds listed value at an auction

☐ 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:

