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The Big Questions: Your Career Values

The following is a list of questions concerning personal values that relate to career decision making. Some of the questions will be more important to you than others, and more BIG questions may occur to you as you explore possible career choices. **You are not expected to know the answers to many of these questions right now.** The answers will come as you take a close look at potential careers. Use these questions as guides when exploring majors and the world of work.

1. How will I balance my career with my family and personal life?
2. What have I enjoyed about past jobs?
3. What have I disliked about past jobs?
4. Where in the world do I want to settle after college?
5. Am I willing to go to graduate school to get the career I want?
6. If I go to graduate school, will I go right after college, or will I work first?
7. What qualities do I look for in the ideal job?
8. What qualities do I want to avoid in my future career?
9. How much money do I want to make?
10. How will my career choices fit with my family's vision of my future?
11. What will I be like as a leader?
12. How important is job security in my decision?
13. Am I at the right school to fulfill my career plans?
14. What information do I need to choose a career with a reasonable degree of confidence?
15. What do I really know about careers I am considering right now?
16. What are my talents and strengths?
17. In what areas do I need to improve to be successful in my desired career?
18. How much do I want to work with people?
19. How much risk am I willing to tolerate in my career decision making?
20. Is career choice the only area where I have difficulty making decisions?
21. How much supervision will I need and am I willing to tolerate?
22. If helping people is important to me, what does that mean?
23. How much variety do I need in my work?
24. How much am I willing to travel as part of the job?
25. Am I willing to enter a highly competitive field?
26. How much do the opinions of others matter in my career choice?
27. Which of my interests are career-related, and which are hobbies and free time activities?
28. What kind of benefits and perks will I want in my job?
29. What kind of education is ideal and/or necessary for my career path?
30. What kind of environment (office, outdoors, classroom, hospital, retail, etc.) do I want to work in?

If you want help answering these questions, schedule a career counseling appointment today.