

# “SORT THROUGH THE VOICES” – UNEARTHING YOUR VALUES

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**Achievement:** enjoying a sense of accomplishment

**Adventure/Discovery:** seeking new and exciting challenges that may include taking risks

**Aesthetics:** appreciating what is beautiful

**Authenticity:** ongoing desire to honestly express who one is

**Clarity/Focus:** being in control of time, priorities, possessions, and processes

**Compassion:** empathy and concern for the suffering of others

**Connection:** giving and receiving love, family and friends

**Contribution:** giving or making a difference for others

**Creativity:** being imaginative and innovative, going outside the norm

**Environment:** the significance of place and/or aesthetics; a sense of place

**Fairness:** giving everyone an equal chance

**Flexibility:** coping easily with change and surprise


**Freedom:** independence, autonomy, control over time, behavior and tasks

**Friendship:** mutual enjoyment of and care for others

**Fun:** enjoyment, playful, exuberant activity


**Generosity:** giving readily or liberally

**Happiness:** finding satisfaction, joy or pleasure



***“Before you tell your life what you intend to do with it, listen for what it intends to do with you.”***

***Before you tell your life what truths and values you have decided to live up to, let your life tell you what truths you embody, what values you represent.”***



**Honesty:** truthfulness, principle, honor, and sincerity

**Humor:** enjoying the witty or amusing

**Influence:** capacity to affect or shape people, processes, or ideas

**Innovation:** pushing the envelope, creativity, originality, thinking and living outside the box

**Integrity:** maintaining congruence between what one claims to be and how one acts

**Leadership:** to lead and/or influence others

**Learning/Personal Growth:** lifelong commitment to growing in understanding

**Leisure:** appreciating unstructured or unscheduled time

**Love:** deep affection, devotion, attraction, care; profound emotional, spiritual, and/or physical attachment

**Loyalty:** seeking to be faithful, constant and steadfast

**Nature:** finding joy and renewal in the out-of-doors

**Openness/Tolerance:** accepting or remaining open to the viewpoints and values of others

**Peace:** desiring tranquility, serenity, lack of discord

**Perseverance:** sustaining momentum, having fortitude

**Personal Development:** wanting to use one's potential and grow to the fullest

**Prosperity:** abundance, wealth, a life of comfort and ease

**Recognition/Acknowledgement:** desiring the respect of others or credit for achievements

**Security:** feeling safe and confident about the future

**Self Respect:** having pride or a sense of personal identity

**Spirituality:** sacred matters, meaning to life, religious belief

**Spontaneity:** enjoying the unexpected, going with the flow, appreciating the surprise

**Stability:** maintaining continuity, consistency, and predictability over a period of time

**Success:** fulfillment, achieving one's goals, attaining excellence

*Vocation is where  
your heart's deep  
gladness and the  
world's deep  
hunger meet.*

*Frederick Buechener*

**Tradition.** treasuring customs and links with the past

**Trust.** reliability, sincerity, and competency

*Have any questions or want to explore some more? Stop by the CSL to relax, talk, or schedule an appointment to talk about how these values can play out in your life's vocation (your life's purpose.)*

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***Sort through the voices that tell  
you who to be.***

***Take a deep breath.***

***Make your life count.***