

VitalityPro™

Pathway to Personal and Work Life Vitality

for Sample Person

This brief report focuses on your Top Priorities for Action

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The VitalityPro™ is designed to provide insight into the personal strengths of individuals which energize vitality... personally, at work and in a balanced lifestyle. As we take advantage of those strengths, our stress decreases and satisfaction rises. By focusing on our strengths we become more able to address our growth opportunities.

In addition, strong engagement with our work life, where the satisfactions clearly outweigh the stress, is now known to be one of the most powerful influences on our personal and family wellbeing, as well as on our careers. The VitalityPro $^{\text{TM}}$ is designed to provide insight into the personal strengths of individuals which make for a rewarding level of engagement.

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ACTION RECOMMENDATION #1

Fulfillment (cont'd)

Growth Opportunities

Some of your answers to the questions about your Fulfillment could legitimately be called Growth Opportunities. Also, continue to build on any Strengths outlined above in order to enhance the level of Fulfillment that you have already. By continuing to do what you are already doing well, you will be more able to benefit from the Growth Opportunities that were identified by the following questions.

I feel that other people have made a lot more out of their talents than I have.

Make certain that you understand what several people whom know you well see as your special talents. Write these down. Add any others that you see and value. Avoid the belief that most other people probably have this talent too, because often they may not. Next, after carefully considering the needs that people have, at your work or in your family, ask yourself, "Which one of my strongest talents could I put to good use to help in that situation?". Do that. And then stand back and appreciate the effect your talents have had. Keep on taking a few minutes each day to appreciate your talents as you put them into action.

I feel that the goals I have set for my life will make me happy.

Often we come to question our life goals because we've become unclear about what they precisely are. What exactly do you want your life to be about, to stand for? Try this powerful exercise: Write your own eulogy. At your funeral, a close friend will try to summarize the best things, the deepest goals that guided your life. What would you hope that friend would say about you? Write these down. At this point in your life, these are the values and goals that will give you solid happiness.

I wish I could be as happy as other people.

Since our overall happiness is something that adds up from the smaller experiences that we actively enjoy each day, try this. Early each morning, ask yourself, "What two small things can I do today so that, no matter what else happens, I will feel at day's end that it was a 'good day'?" Commit yourself to doing those two things each day, and think about them in the evening. If you only did one, no problem. Aim for two again tomorrow. Your happiness will begin to add up. It's now more in your control.

I feel blocked in getting things done.

Feeling blocked usually results from focusing too much on the big or long term goals we are after and forgetting to notice the small steps of progress we are making. Begin by breaking your big plans down into their smaller steps. Focus on completing the initial steps before moving too far ahead of yourself. Most importantly, give yourself credit as you go.

ACTION RECOMMENDATION #2

Interpersonal Satisfaction (cont'd)

Growth Opportunities

Some of your answers to the questions about your Interpersonal Satisfaction could legitimately be called Growth Opportunities. Also, continue to build on any Strengths outlined above in order to enhance the level of Interpersonal Satisfaction that you have already. By continuing to do what you are already doing well, you will be more able to benefit from the Growth Opportunities that were identified by the following questions.

I don't seem to get the same kind of lasting satisfaction that I used to from the time I spend with friends.

As we and our friends change with time, it's natural that some of the old ways of enjoying time together no longer work the ways they used to. So first, take stock of what casual or leisure experiences you yourself have come to enjoy in recent times. Then ask your friend(s) what has changed and hasn't changed for them over the years. Find one new area you have both individually come to enjoy more recently. Agree to explore that together.

I would like to give more of myself to the people closest to me.

Focus on one experience you would like to share with someone close to you. As realistically as you can, visualize that situation happening. Plan for it. Pick and repeat to yourself a key word or phrase that summarizes the feelings you are looking for realistically. Then, as the situation happens, focus on feeling the enjoyment. And, afterwards, remind yourself of how good it felt to share that experience.

I don't feel really close to the people around me.

Make certain that you understand the kinds of shared situations (a drive together in the car; a movie; etc) that have in the past given you the feelings of ease and closeness you're looking for. Set things up so that these or similar situations start happening more often. Also be sure to capitalize on other such opportunities for closeness whenever they may occur.

I handle conflicts and disagreements very well.

When you know that a disagreement with someone is likely, prepare yourself by writing down your answers to these three questions:

- (1) Being realistic, what exactly do I want from this upcoming situation?
- (2) What does the other person want (in specific terms) and what is his/her underlying interest and hope?
- (3) What can I do to make our discussion provide a 'win-win' result for both of us?

I feel I should be spending more time with my family.

If your work hours are keeping you from having enough time with your family, make a gradual change in the following manner: Make a specific commitment to yourself and to your family that you will reserve specific times and dates (for example, every first and third Wednesday evening of each month) to be with them. Plan and commit to an activity (even just a video-with-popcorn) and keep your commitment. Then make a point of enjoying your growing relationship.

Notes-to-Myself for my Personal Action Plan

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ACTION RECOMMENDATION #3

Family (cont'd)

Growth Opportunities

Some of your answers to the questions about your Family could legitimately be called Growth Opportunities. Also, continue to build on any Strengths outlined above in order to enhance the level of Family that you have already. By continuing to do what you are already doing well, you will be more able to benefit from the Growth Opportunities that were identified by the following questions.

My family life allows me to experience the loving relationships that I think are important.

Because we may feel we are doing our part some of us just wait for the feelings we want to happen, either for more love in our family relationships or more satisfaction in our work. There is one basic principle plus three steps you can take (beyond just waiting) that will quickly increase loving feelings for you in your family life.

The principle is this: How you act creates the feelings you have and receive. Act like a love-deprived person who holds back on showing your loving emotions and you will feel and get less and less. Act in a loving way more consistently and the feelings you want will begin to grow. Here are the three steps:

- * Form several very clear mental images of yourself acting in specific loving ways with a family member;
- * Choose to begin acting sincerely in those ways at least twice per day;
- * Whatever the initial response of that person, focus primarily on how you feel as you act in small loving ways. The other person will likely begin to reciprocate.

can always count on my family life to provide the emotional support I need.

Even though people in a family may love each other deeply, feelings of strong emotional support don't happen automatically. Here are some dependable steps for creating emotional closeness:

- * Get clear about what you're looking for by sketching a mental picture of what an emotionally supportive family life would look like in your situation;

 * From what others in your family have said in the past, determine how their portrait of an emotionally supportive family would look;
- * Find non-pushy ways to ask for and to encourage more emotional sharing of the kind you sketched in your mental picture and tell them how good it feels when it happens;
- * Do several of the things that you think would be in their portrait(s). The emotional climate you are looking for will likely begin to grow. Be appreciative and watch for new opportunities to support each other.

When my family and I plan to do something together, we often don't follow through and do what we planned.

Here are some of the ingredients which usually lead to a family following through on plans:

- * Be thoughtful and make sure the planned activity actually has something in it for everyone to enjoy;
- * Get a commitment in everyone's schedule;
- * Talk about the ways in which you can see each person enjoying it;
- * Do your part . Do not drop out and make excuses unless it's essential;
- * After the activity, be sure to share how much you appreciated doing that activity together.

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