Worksheet 2: Personal Values

Your values are what's important in your life—ideas that are fundamental to your character and your decision making. They're internal and subjective and may or may not be actionable. They may change over time. On the worksheet below, check off all the values that resonate with you, and then list three to five that are most important (it might be hard to decide, but you can do it!).

Acceptance	☐ Harmony	Respect
☐ Adaptability	☐ Honesty	Responsibility
Boldness	☐ Humility	Recognition
Choice	☐ Independence	Relationships
☐ Community	☐ Innovation	Risk
☐ Compassion	☐ Integrity	☐ Rule of law
☐ Conservation	☐ Joy	☐ Sacrifice
Courage	☐ Justice	☐ Security
☐ Creativity	☐ Leadership	☐ Self-expression
Democracy	Legacy	☐ Self-reliance
Determination	Liberty	Service
Discipline	Love	☐ Spirituality
Dignity	Loyalty	☐ Stewardship
Diversity	☐ Merit	☐ Sustainability
☐ Effectiveness	Mindfulness	☐ Teamwork
☐ Empathy	☐ Morality	☐ Tradition
☐ Empowerment	Obligation	☐ Trust
Entrepreneurship	☐ Opportunity	☐ Truth
☐ Equality	Order	☐ Wisdom
☐ Excellence	☐ Patience	☐ Work ethic
☐ Faith	☐ Patriotism	Other:
Forgiveness	Personal growth	
Freedom	☐ Pleasure	☐ Other:
☐ Free enterprise	☐ Privacy	Other:
Generosity	☐ Protect others' rights	Other w
Gentleness	☐ Prudence	☐ Other:

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1.	Of those values I checked above, what are the top three to five that are most important to me—those that drive my daily decisions and actions?		
2.	How do I personally define those terms?		
3.	Why are the values I chose especially important to me?		
4.	Are there ways I want to ensure I put those values into action—turn them into guiding principles or a family credo? What should it look like to make decisions in my philanthropy based on those values?		
5.	Are there any values on the list that should not show up in my philanthropy*? Why?		

^{*} Philanthropy is "voluntary action for the public good." It can be informal and/or formal and include giving, granting, volunteering, investing for social/environmental impact, building social enterprises, advocacy, and/or do other actions.