

Balancing My Life

1. What are your values?
2. How will you measure your life?
3. What's most important right now?

| Responsibilities and Obligations | Pleasure and Fun |
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The Wheel of Life®

On a scale of 0 to 10 (with 10 on the outside rim being highest and 0 in the center), mark your level of satisfaction on the line for each topic. Color in each section from your level of satisfaction to the center of the wheel to visualize your satisfaction levels.

Consider the following when answering:

Work/Career: Do you enjoy what you do? Do you feel like you are making a contribution to your community?

Family and Home: Are you happy with your home life? Are the relationships what you want?

Finances: Is your standard of living what you want it to be? Have you planned for your future? If you have children, have you planned for their education?

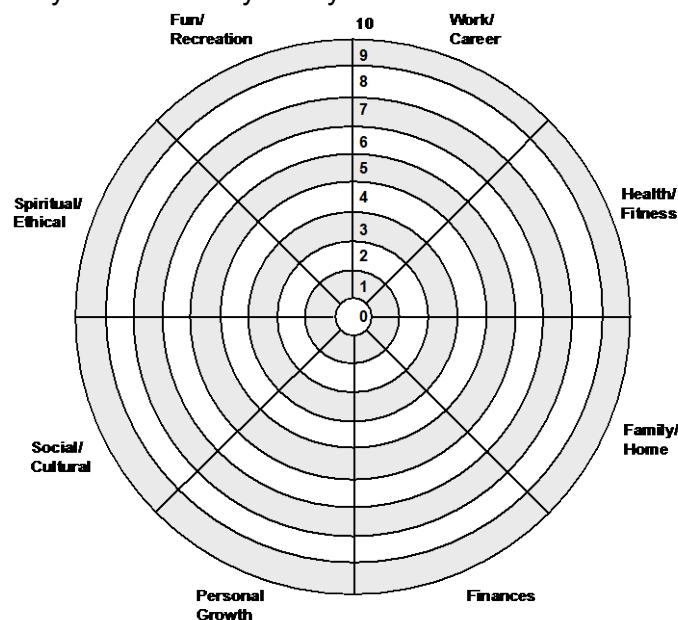
Personal Growth: Are you achieving your personal desires in terms of education and self-development? Do you take time for yourself?

Social and Cultural: Do you have friends who enrich your life and contribute to your sense of well-being? Do you have a confidant with whom you can discuss important matters? Do you have interests outside of your family and career in which you participate (for example: sports, theater, etc.)?

Spiritual/Ethical: Is religion important to you? If so, are you content with the way you are practicing your faith? Do you believe in specific personal values? Are you living up to those personal values?

Fun and Recreation: Do you participate in activities that give you enjoyment? Do you take advantage of the recreational opportunities in the location in which you live?

Health and Fitness: Do you feel healthy? Do you exercise and eat the way you would like to?



Source for Wheel of Life® Activity: Mind Tools Content Team (n.d.). *The Wheel of Life: Finding Balance in Your Life*. Retrieved from the [MindTools website](http://www.mindtools.com/pages/article/newHTE_93.htm) at www.mindtools.com/pages/article/newHTE_93.htm

SMART Goals

You may use the wheel as a measure of balance to gauge your overall degree of life satisfaction and to identify areas that might benefit from goal-setting.

Identify an area in which you would like to increase your level of satisfaction and answer the following question:

If _____ were a 10 for me, what three things would be happening?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Consider the following tips for achieving balance:

- Draw a line.
 - Set boundaries. Say “no.”
- Be present.
 - Don’t be afraid to unplug.
 - Be attentive at home, at work, or during your free time.
- Practice mindfulness and self-compassion.
 - Recognize when you are feeling guilty about not being able *to do it all*.
 - Accept those feelings and reflect why you are feeling that way.
- Create (and stick to) a daily routine.
 - Sleep 7-9 hours.
 - Exercise.
 - Engage in family time, including meals.
- Recognize there are tradeoffs.
- Be flexible.

My SMART goals:

- 1.
- 2.