**Teen Challenge Core Values**

**Introduction**

**1. What do people value? (PP 2-3)**

* 1. Something they think has Worth. (Value)
	2. Things like Gold, Diamond , and Antiques. What do you value?
	3. Things that contribute to their and Activities and Goals.
	4. For example, a runner, a swimmer, and a soldier would value different kinds of footwear.
1. **What is a core value? (PP 4-5**
	1. A Priority - something that is important to a person
	2. A key Influence - something that gives guidance to everyday decisions and actions
	3. A matter of the Heart - something that is a personal conviction, something a person feels strongly about
	4. A Choice - something that a person chooses to make important
	5. A source of Unity - something that gives a group of people direction and purpose
	6. A Legacy - something we want to pass on to future generations
	7. For the Christian, a core value is something God values.
2. **What do core values provide? (PP 6)**
	1. They provide Focus. Hebrews 12:2 “Fix your eyes on Jesus.”
	2. They provide Boundaries. Hebrews 12:1 “the race marked out for us”
	3. They provide a way to get rid of Distractions. Hebrews 12:1 “Throw off everything that hinders”
	4. They provide a Goal and a Reward . Philippians 3:14 “I press toward the goal to win the prize”
3. **The Teen Challenge core values are introduced in the book *Core Values, Connecting Our People to Our Culture* by Jerry Nance PhD, Global Teen Challenge President. (PP 7)**

Teen Challenge has seven core values: (PP – 8) – Brief Description Handout

1. Integrity
2. Compassion
3. Community
4. Vision
5. Stewardship
6. Faith
7. Servanthood
8. **Why did Teen Challenge adopt these seven core values? (PP 9-10)**
	1. The Mission of Teen Challenge is to bring people with life-controlling problems into Relationship with Jesus and disciple them to live out this relationship in every area of their lives.
	2. In order to fulfill this mission, Teen Challenge staff members chose these Seven Qualities .
	3. Because we are followers of Jesus, we want to Value what He does.
	4. Because we are followers of Jesus, these values are based on the Word of God .
	5. Because we are followers of Jesus, these are the values we feel Him leading us to Embrace .
	6. We feel these qualities are Central to the ministry of Teen Challenge.
9. **How will these core values become yours? (PP 11)**
	1. Realize these are values God wants you to have.
	2. Let the Word of God and the Spirit of God Personalize these values in your life.
	3. Choose to make them a big part of your everyday Decisions and Actions .
10. **We will consider these questions about Teen Challenge core values.**
11. How are these core values defined?
12. How does the Bible teach these core values?
13. How do you develop these values?
14. How can you apply these values in a Teen Challenge setting?
15. How do students from a background of drug addiction view these core values?
16. How can you help Teen Challenge students develop these values?
17. What have been your experiences in applying these values?
What questions do you have about these values?
18. Where can you start today in growing these core values in your life?

For further study: we recommend you read the book *Our Core Values*, by Dr. Jerry Nance (Available from Teen Challenge USA and Global Teen Challenge).

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