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# Guiding Principles for Your Life

## Starter Worksheet

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Establish now what it is you stand for and what you value. You can't wait until the bullets are flying to decide what you're willing to die for.

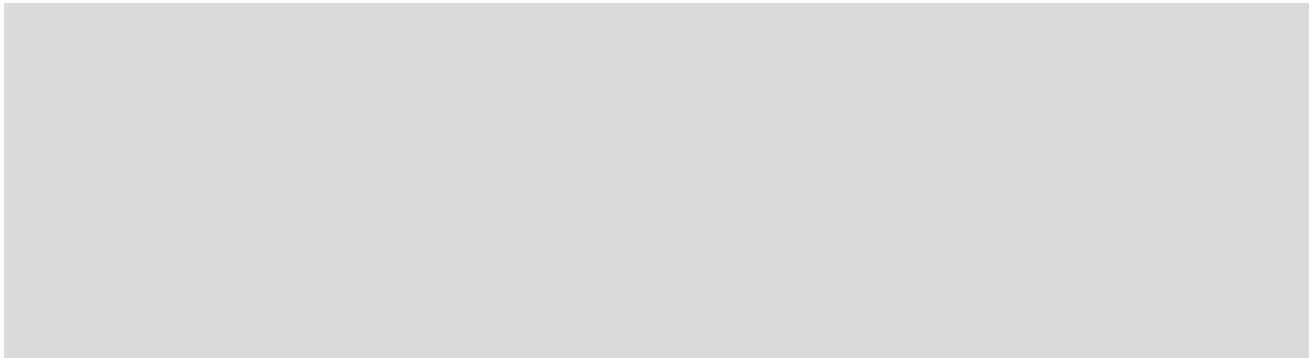
**Answer these questions now.  
Use your answers to  
formulate statements that will  
serve as a guide for the  
decisions you face.**



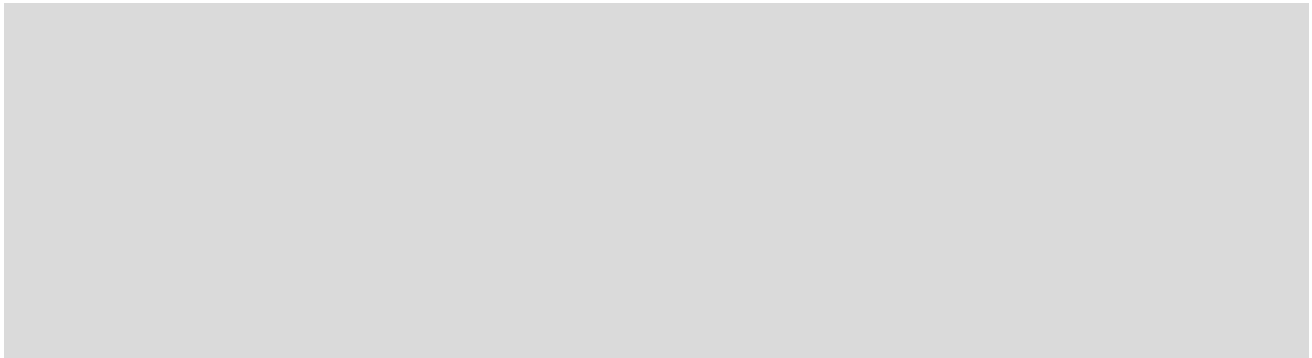
Which relationships do I value and how will my words and behavior reflect that?

How do I want to be described by people I look up to?

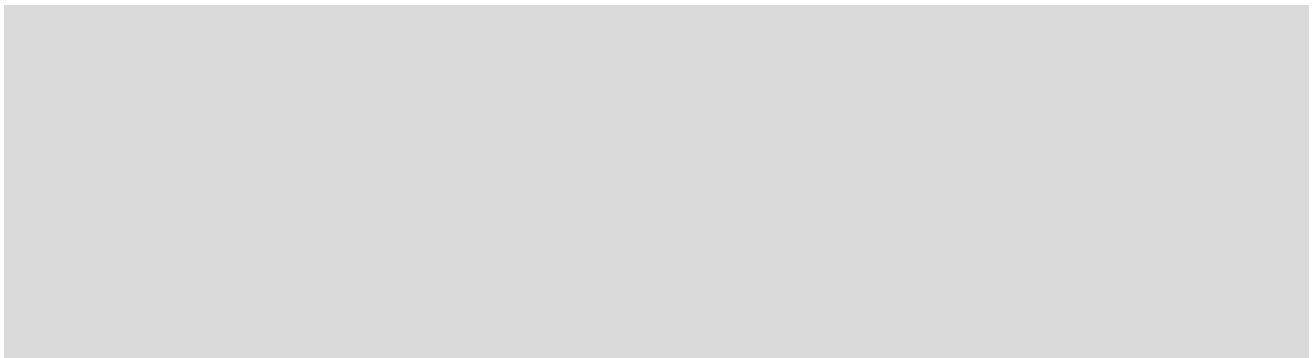
Which personal traits do I want to be known for?



Where do I land within the spectrum of rigid and flexible with regard to rules?



How do I handle forgiveness? Of myself, of others, and desiring it from others?



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## Man Made Starter Worksheet

*Here's a sample of my personal guiding principles worksheet. I've condensed and refined it, but I believe this version will be useful to you. Hope this helps!*

### **Understand and be my authentic self**

I will know what I stand for, that is, which elements are non-negotiable. I will also be aware of how these principles might come under attack and be ready to assertively and respectfully make my stance clear while seeking to understand the position(s) of others. I will encourage others to reflect on their centering principles as well.

### **Know and communicate my vision**

I will have have a clear picture of the nature and function of the brighter future I am working to achieve. I actively articulate this vision to others so there is no question of direction and long-term focus.

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### **Be decisive and proactive**

I will be quick to move in the direction prescribed by adequate information, counsel, and reflection. I cannot wait for all factors to be fully known or all risk to be eliminated. Being proactive does not imply being aggressive, impatient, or not being considerate of the interests of others. It does mean that I will act, boldly if necessary, as vision attainment warrants.

### **Be known as dependable**

While I cannot be responsible for outcomes, I can strive to fulfill promises, meet deadlines, and comply with established parameters of transactions. Anyone who interacts with me will know that if I did not meet expectations it was not for lack of dedicated effort--and I will be quick to admit shortcomings.



### **Use organization as a primary tool**

My personal and professional life is ordered such that a clear structure is in place to obtain my vision. This structure is merely to tool for progress, not the taskmaster