

How good is your work / life balance? Take the test

Money

- 1. I pay my bills on time and consistently save 10 percent of my income
- 2. All my tax returns have been submitted and any tax owing has been paid. There are no legal clouds hanging over me
- 3. I have adequate medical insurance and rarely miss work because of illness
- 4. I am on a professional career track that is financially and personally rewarding.
- 5. My source of income is stable, predictable, and I live well within my means.
- 6. My will is up to date, and I know how much I am worth financially.
- 7. My financial situation doesn't keep me awake at night, and I have a financial plan for the next three to five years.
- 8. My personal assets are all adequately insured
- 9. I have a sum equivalent to at least six months living expenses set aside in a savings account.
- 10. I am in a relationship with others who can help with my career / professional development.

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Wellbeing

- 1. I walk or exercise at least three times a week.
- 2. I have had a complete physical examination in the past two years including vision and hearing.
- 3. I have a rewarding life beyond my professional responsibilities.
- 4. I do not use illegal drugs or tobacco, or misuse prescription medication
- 5. I regularly take evenings and weekends off, and take at least three weeks holiday per year.
- 6. My blood pressure and cholesterol count are normal and my weight is in the ideal range
- 7. I brush and floss my teeth daily and have been to the dentist in the past six months
- 8. I rarely watch more than five hours of television per week
- 9. I drink caffeine and / or alcohol moderately and don't rely on adrenaline to,"get the job done".
- 10. I have something to look forward to virtually every day.

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Relationships

- 1. I don't gossip or talk negatively about others, and don't take personally what others say about me.
- 2. I have a circle of friends / family who love and appreciate me for who I am, not just for what I do.
- 3. There is no one I would dread meeting or feel uncomfortable encountering at a party, an airport or on the street.
- 4. I have a best friend or soul mate with whom I can share confidences and intimate thoughts, and I regularly tell my parents, siblings, children and spouse/significant other that I love them
- 5. I almost always put people first and results second
- 6. I am a person of my word. Others can count on me to mean what I say
- 7. Rather than complaining, I make requests of others so they know how they can help me.
- 8. I get along well with my co-workers, clients and team.
- 9. I return telephone calls and emails within 24 hours.
- 10. I do not inappropriately express anger or rage towards others.

Physical Environment

- 1. My personal files, papers and receipts are filed away neatly.
- 2. My car is in excellent condition. It does not need any mechanical work or repairs, cleaning or replacing.
- 3. My clothes are clean, pressed, well fitting and make me look great.
- 4. I live in a house / flat that I love in the area of my choice.
- 5. My plants and animals are healthy and have everything they need to thrive.
- 6. I surround myself with beautiful things appropriate to my income level, without being ostentatious, superficial or flashy.
- 7. I practice recycling.
- 8. My work environment is inspiring and productive.
- 9. My home is neat and clean, (beds made, carpets vacuumed, cupboards clean)
- 10. I do not injure myself, fall, or bump into things.

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Spirituality

- 1. I have regular "quiet time" for prayer, meditation or reflection.
- 2. I have regular sessions with a spiritual director, mentor or coach.
- 3. I am connected to and in conversation with my circle of close friends.
- 4. I do not use profane or obscene language to express myself to others.
- 5. I feel that I am loved by God / higher power unconditionally.
- 6. I regularly give time, gifts and financial resources to help others.
- 7. I feel personal accountability for the stewardship/care of nature, plants and animals.
- 8. I often experience a sense of "awe" and/or "mystery" about life.
- 9. I do not harbour any unresolved resentment, animosity or ill-will toward others.
- 10. I believe that I am a person of infinite worth and affirm others as being of infinite worth.

What your score means

(One point for each question that you can answer in the affirmative)

- 40-50 Mastering work / life balance
- 30-40 Good work / life balance
- 20-30 Average score
- 0-20 Below Average
- 40-50: You have made the decision to have a personal as well as a professional life. Now you may want to choose an area on which to focus that will continue your personal growth.
- 30-40: A good work / life balance puts you above average. Now, in what areas do you want to raise the bar and create the life you really want?
- 20-30: An average score indicates that you are probably experiencing the same amount of stress as your peers. You may want to hire a coach to help eliminate stresses.
- 0-20: A below-average score means that you need to take a new look at your life and make a commitment to change a personal growth.