

**Straight-A Guide
Pre- and Post-Test**

Instructions: Circle the letter of the response that you think best answers the question.

1. When we talk about making values-based decisions, what does that mean to you?
 - a. Values-based decisions always make good financial sense.
 - b. Values-based decisions show that we think before we act.
 - c. Values-based decisions align with the principles by which we define ourselves.
 - d. Both b & c
 - e. All of the above.

2. How can we determine whether we are living a values-based life?
 - a. We do what our parents tell us to do.
 - b. We abide by rules and regulations.
 - c. We keep everything we think, everything we say, and everything we do in harmony.
 - d. We don't waste our money by buying things that don't have any value.
 - e. We watch the calories we eat.

3. Which example below is consistent with the principles of SMART goal setting?
 - a. I am going to do better in school.
 - b. I am going to become very successful.
 - c. I am going to read 10 pages of *Success: The Straight-A Guide* each day and finish reading my book within 15 days.
 - d. I am going to go to bed earlier and wake up earlier.
 - e. Both a & b.

4. What is an essential characteristic of setting a goal?
 - a. A goal has a clear timeline.
 - b. A goal makes us feel good.
 - c. A goal must motivate us.
 - d. A goal must be achievable.
 - e. All of the above.

5. How do you know if you have the right attitude?
 - a. When I feel good about what I'm doing, I have the right attitude.
 - b. I have the right attitude when I'm nice to other people.
 - c. I have the right attitude if I'm not being negative.
 - d. I have the right attitude when I make a 100 percent commitment to success, as I define success.
 - e. I have the right attitude when I complete my assignments on time.

6. What good is an aspiration?
 - a. An aspiration is a dream.
 - b. An aspiration gives me energy to make it through tough times.
 - c. An aspiration gives me a clear picture of what I'm striving to become.
 - d. Both b & c.
 - e. All of the above.

7. What should we do to turn our aspirations into realities?
 - a. We should take incremental action steps.
 - b. We should build our savings so we can purchase what we need with cash.
 - c. We should work harder every day.
 - d. We should drive the speed limit.
 - e. We should stick with our own kind.

8. How do we know whether we are succeeding?
 - a. Our parents tell us.
 - b. Our teachers tell us.
 - c. We avoid getting in trouble with the law.
 - d. We are making progress in accordance with the accountability logs that we set.
 - e. All of the above.

9. What happens when we adhere to the values-based, goal-oriented strategies of the Straight-A Guide?
 - a. We become aware of opportunities we can seize.
 - b. Other people become aware of our commitment to succeed and offer to help.
 - c. We make better progress than everyone else.
 - d. We stop feeling sorry for ourselves.
 - e. Both a & b.

10. When do we celebrate success?
 - a. When we've done all that we've set out to complete.
 - b. With each incremental achievement we make.
 - c. When other people know that we've won.
 - d. When we overcome the challenges of our past.
 - e. When we earn enough money to buy our own house.

11. What does it mean to show appreciation?
 - a. Showing appreciation means saying thank you.
 - b. Showing appreciation means being courteous to others.
 - c. Showing appreciation means expressing gratitude for all the blessings of our life.
 - d. Showing appreciation means that we live as if are the change that we want to see in the world.
 - e. All of the above.

12. What does it mean to succeed?
- Those who succeed have more money than everyone else.
 - Success means never having to say you're sorry.
 - Success means being better than others.
 - Success means being happy with who you are and where you stand in the world.
 - Success means being in a leadership position and having authority over others.
13. When is it okay to maintain relationships with people who adhere to criminal lifestyles?
- As long as we're not breaking any laws, it doesn't matter what others do.
 - We should maintain close ties with family members, even if they break the law.
 - When we've changed in ways to avoid criminal behavior, we can still be friends with people who haven't yet made those changes.
 - If we want to succeed, we should completely reject the criminal lifestyle and avoid interactions with anyone who continues to break the law.
 - All of the above.
14. Which statement below most closely expresses the principles of the Straight-A Guide.
- I keep everything I think, everything I say, and everything I do in harmony.
 - I am going to earn my college degree within four years; I am going to pay my taxes before the end of this month.
 - I am going to exercise for at least one hour every day.
 - I will save at least 10 percent of every paycheck for the next six months.
 - All of the above.
15. What makes for an effective accountability log?
- Accountability logs measure incremental steps toward a clearly defined goal.
 - Accountability logs show the progress we make within a given time.
 - Accountability logs come in spiral binders.
 - Both A and B.
 - All of the above.