

# **Bernstein List of 48 Personal Strengths**

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Instruction: Circle the five strengths that most describe you (your "top five" strengths).

Authentic Self-nurturing Self-reflective Stress-tolerant Self-controlled Flexible Self-confident Genuine Self-assured Perceptive Bold Thankful Creative Healthy Resourceful Centered Physically fit Stable Playful Being myself

Self-aware Patient
Spiritual Self-disciplined
Responsible Well-balanced
Imaginative Trustworthy
Objective Self-reliant
Empathic Witty

Assertive Compassionate

Kind Learned
Funny Resilient
Understanding Realistic
Wise Reliable
Grateful Forceful
Appreciative Rational
Caring Introspective

## Relationship of strengths to the Qualities of the Healthy Adult

#### Factor 1 – Self-directedness

- 1. Identity Authentic, genuine, real
- 2. Self-reflection Self-reflective, introspective, self-aware
- 3. Self-confidence Self-confident, self-reliant, self-assured
- 4. Self-assertion Assertive, bold, forceful
- 5. Imagination Creative, imaginative, resourceful

## Factor 2 – Self-regulation

- 6. Emotional balance Centered, well-balanced, stable
- 7. Resilience Resilient, stress-tolerant, flexible
- 8. Self-control Self-controlled, patient, self-disciplined
- 9. Self-care Self-nurturing, physically fit, healthy
- 10. Reality testing Rational, objective, realistic

## Factor 3 – Connection

- 11. Empathy Empathic, understanding, perceptive
- 12. Compassion Compassionate, kind, caring
- 13. Humor Funny, playful, witty
- 14. Responsibility Responsible, trustworthy, reliable

## Factor 4 - Transcendence

- 15. Thankfulness Grateful, thankful, appreciative
- 16. Wisdom Wise, learned, spiritual