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Money is not just pieces of paper or metal. Money is what makes it easy to interact with others. If you want an iced cap from Tim Horton's, you simply hand the cashier \$3.10 and you're on your way. Money allows this exchange to happen. In that sense, money is not just money. Money is power; it is freedom; it is responsibility; it is choice. We are going to spend a few classes thinking about how we make decisions about how to spend our money.

You have watched the following video as a class (from 0:00-4:45):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZwGEQcFo9RE>

Consider the following "important" aspects of life. They may be things that you want for yourself, what you try to be, or things you respect in others. If there's something that isn't included, you can add it to the list.

1. Select TEN (10) of the following aspects and rank them from 1-10.
2. Now get together with a partner and try to combine your lists into a single list ranked from 1-10. If you and your partner have differences of opinion, you have to negotiate how to rank them.
3. Complete the reflection posted in MyBlueprint.

Work	How important is your work? Is it crucial that you enjoy your job or is it just a way to get money so that you can do other things? If you won the lottery tomorrow, would you try to avoid working ever again?
Family	Is it crucial that you live close to your family? Perhaps in the same house? Will you be committed to caring for younger siblings, parents, grandparents, etc.?
Reliability	How much reliability do you need in your life? Are you okay hopping from job to job or moving from place to place if that would allow you to do something else?
Religion	What role does religion play in your life? Does it guide you in your day-to-day decision-making? Is belonging to a religious group an important part of your identity?
Acquiring skills/knowledge	Are you someone that is always hungry to learn more? If you finished school, would you enrol in a cooking class, learn guitar, or take college courses?

Friendship	What do your social circles look like? Do you have a just few really close friends or are you someone that has dozens of friends that you hang out with regularly? It's more work to maintain a larger social circle. How willing are you to put in that time?
Recreation	Do you enjoy hiking, running, cycling, going to the gym, or playing sports? Is this something that you would commit time to and, if so, how much?
Travel	How often do you want to travel? What kind of travel do you want to do? Would you be content going to Mexico once every 1-2 years to lay on the beach or would you want to explore different places every time you go away?
Status	Everyone cares what people think about us; the question is, how much? Would you take a certain job, live in a certain neighbourhood, or buy a certain car just so that people would perceive you as being better or higher status?
Loyalty	Some people enjoy working or living in a highly competitive environment where there is constant competition. Other people prefer security of long-term personal and professional relationships. How important is that balance to you?
Responsibility	Do you crave responsibility? Are you satisfied with taking direction or do you always want to move up the ladder to supervisor, assistant manager, manager, etc.?
Independence	How much independence do you need? Some people find being in a romantic relationship very restrictive. Some people cannot imagine having children because it would limit their independence. Where do you fall on this scale?
Love	If you were in a relationship with someone you loved but you were offered your dream job and you had to choose, what would you do? How important is that type of relationship?
Fitness/health	Would you be okay with being twenty pounds overweight if it meant you could eat your favourite junk food every day? Are you okay with vaping even though it might irreparably scar your lungs? Would you be okay with being twenty pounds overweight if it meant you might only live to 75 instead of 80?
Wealth	How important is it for you to have material possessions? Are you okay to drive an old, beat-up car if it works fine? Or do you need to buy a nice-looking car even if you don't necessarily need it. Are you okay wearing a \$7 shirt from H&M or would you rather get a \$50 shirt from Lululemon?
Respect	Again, we all care about how people view us but how important is it for you to be respected by your peers? Not just liked but respected; they value your skills and abilities.

Helping others	How much do you care about helping others? There are different levels: You might work at Starbucks but donate a portion of your paycheque to charity. You might work at Aritzia but spend one night per week volunteering for a charitable cause. Or you might decide that you need to be a doctor or a firefighter; something that directly helps people in a measurable way.
Influence	Is it important that when you speak others listen? If you recommend a song to a friend or a brand of shoes to your cousin, is it important that they try your suggestion? If you're working in a group and you suggest a way to present your project, do you want your group to listen to you? Or do you not care that much?
Community Involvement	Is it important to feel a sense of community? This might be at school or in your neighbourhood. Do you want to live in a place where you know all your neighbours and can drop by anytime? Or would you rather just have your friends and not worry so much about the people who just happen to be around you?
Other	If there's anything that you think was left off this list, go ahead and add it to yours. Be prepared to explain your answer.