

Strengths Exercise







Comparing strengths in different areas of your life

Purpose: To gain an increased awareness of your strengths by reflecting on how they appear in different parts of your life, and to explore new ways to use your strengths.

Directions:

- 1. Choose two different areas of your life to focus on, such as work and home.
- 2. Focusing on just one of these areas, sort through the strengths cards and pick out 8 cards that describe you at your absolute best in that setting.
- 3. Write down the strengths you have identified and reflect on the following questions:
 - How does each strength show itself?
 - How often do you use each strength?
 - How can you make better use of each strength?
 - How often do you over-use each of these strengths?
 - How can you manage that?
 - ullet What do you notice about the mix of strengths?
- 4. For the second area of your life just follow steps 2 & 3 again.
- 5. Compare the strengths you use in one part of your life with the other:
 - What are the similarities?
 - What are the differences?
 - How could you use strengths from one area of your life in the other?
- 6. Reflect on the exercise.
 - What new thinking has this exercise generated for you?
 - What actions could you take to embrace your strengths even further?

