Value Questions

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1. Would you be willing to reduce your life expectancy by 5 years to become extremely attractive?

2. If you could increase your I.Q. by 40 points by having an ugly scar stretching from your mouth to your eye, would you do so?

3. Would you rather be extremely successful professionally and have a tolerable yet unexciting private life, or have an extremely happy private life and only a tolerable and uninspiring professional life?

4. If you went to a dinner party and were offered a dish you had never tried, would you want to taste it even if it sounded strange and not very appealing?

5. Would you be willing to have horrible nightmares every night for a year if you would be rewarded with extraordinary wealth?

6. Do you feel ill at ease going alone to either dinner or a movie? What about going on a vacation by yourself?

7. For $20,000 would you go for three months without washing, brushing your teeth, or using deodorant? Assume you could not explain your reasons to anyone and that there would be no long-term effect on your career.

8. Is it easy for you to accept help when you need it? Will you ask for help?

9. At a meal, your friends start belittling a common acquaintance. If you felt their criticisms were unjustified, would you defend the person?

10. If you were having difficulty on an important test and could safely cheat by looking at someone else's paper, would you do so?

11. If your friends and acquaintances were willing to bluntly and honestly tell you what they really thought of you, would you want them to?

12. If this country were to suffer an unprovoked nuclear attack and would be totally obliterated in a matter of minutes, would you favor unleashing the U.S. nuclear arsenal upon the attackers?

13. Would you accept $10,000 to shave your head and continue your normal activities sans hat or wig without explaining the reason for your haircut?

14. Have you ever disliked someone for being luckier or more successful than you?