

# WHEEL OF LIFE

## 10 KEY AREAS OF SELF-CARE

The Wheel of Life is divided into the 10 dimensions that influence our unique ability to thrive.

### STEP 1 ASSESS SEE NEXT PAGE

In the circles next to each category description on the next page, rate your level of satisfaction on a scale of 1 to 10:

### STEP 2 DIAGRAM

There are 10 lines on the wheel graph. Mark your rating from each category in the appropriate section of the wheel and shade the area towards the center of the wheel. See the example at the bottom of this page.

### STEP 3 IDENTIFY OPPORTUNITIES

Think of a bike wheel rolling down a hill. The smoother the wheel, the smoother the ride. A balanced circumference means that your life has balance and you are optimally managing key areas of your life.

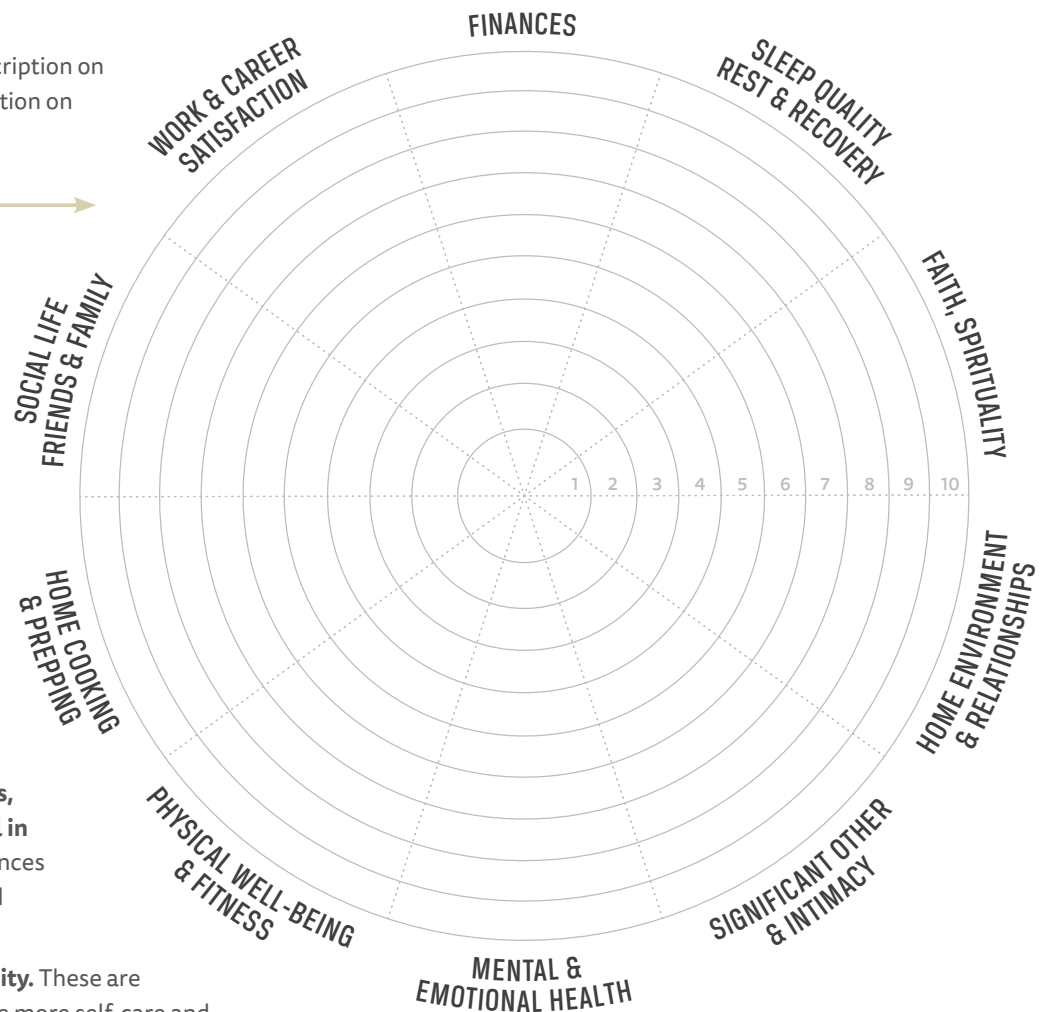
**On the contrary, flat tires, dented rims, bent spokes will all affect how we roll in life.** Those areas will exhibit the imbalances in your life that are pulling you back and affecting how you thrive.

**These become your areas of opportunity.** These are the areas where you need to incorporate more self-care and become more aware of your daily contributions and routines in those areas. What habits do you have in those areas? Think about small modifications you can start implementing in that area, become mindful and set priorities based on your life vision.

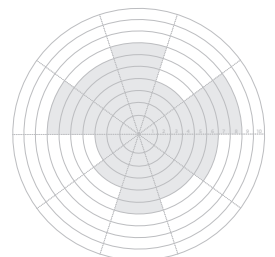
Self-care is about taking an active role in preserving one's own well-being and happiness. It includes actions that help to promote health, prevent disease, and better cope with stress, injury and illness.

Self-care includes being intentional and thoughtful about certain areas of your life. When you think about self-care, you are becoming mindful of your lifestyle habits and how you can become proactive in managing your life stressors better and balance all areas of your life.

Our lives are full of stressors — physical, mental and emotional. These stressors are all around us. Our resilience and how we deal with the stressors are key indicators that affect our health and happiness.



*This example shows how to fill in the spokes. It also demonstrates imbalance and opportunity for building more mindful habits in order to create a better balance.*



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LOW SATISFACTION (OPPORTUNITY) HIGH SATISFACTION (ABUNDANCE)

**WORK ENVIRONMENT & CAREER SATISFACTION**

Do you sense that your work is aligned with your personal strengths and talents? Are you planted, engaged, properly challenged and growing in your career field, and working towards feeling success and achievement? Do you enjoy your work environment and colleagues or would you rather be working at a different job or in a different field?

**FINANCES**

Money is merely a tool that helps us achieve our dreams and live the life we desire. This category encourages you to think about if your income supports your basic needs and the lifestyle you desire. Reflect on your relationship and habits with money and how your finances impact your relationships, security and retirement.

**SLEEP QUALITY: REST & RECOVERY**

Reflect on the routines around your sleep habits. Do you have a regular consistent bedtime and wake-up time? Do you properly wind down before bed, get seven-to-nine quality hours of sleep without disruption? Do you get up easily in the morning and feel like you have enough energy throughout the day?

**FAITH & SPIRITUALITY**

Positive psychology research shows us those that have a sense of being connected to something bigger than themselves are happier. You don't have to be religious to experience spirituality, this is about expanding on your sense of purpose and meaning in life. Your faith and spiritual beliefs can directly influence your relationships, emotional and mental resilience.

**HOME ENVIRONMENT & HOME RELATIONSHIPS**

Reflect on your living environment, family time, and family relationships. Do you enjoy your home environment and are you able to relax, enjoy hobbies at home such as watching sports, reading, writing, gardening, playing a musical instrument, etc? Are your home-life demands and relationships stressed with too many agendas and to-do lists? Is your home messy, cluttered, or unorganized?

**SIGNIFICANT OTHER & INTIMACY**

This category has you reflecting on your role in a potentially important and special relationship in your life. Reflect on your connection, engagement with each other, romantic activities, sex, and the support systems you have for each other. If you are not in a special relationship, rate how satisfied you are in that fact. Happy and satisfied or lonely and frustrated?

**MENTAL & EMOTIONAL HEALTH**

Are you coping effectively and adapting to life stressors, uncertainty, and adversity in a constructive way? Can you manage your emotions and stay cool, calm and steady so you're able to communicate effectively, empathize with others, and defuse conflict? Or do you catch yourself worrying, becoming fearful of all the things that can go wrong, and swimming in negative emotions such as anger, judgment, sadness, jealousy, frustration, anxiety, loneliness and resentment?

**PHYSICAL WELL-BEING & FITNESS**

Are you walking or getting at least 150 minutes of physical activity per week? Or at least 75 minutes of high intensity? Are you including resistance training and preserving muscle mass as you age? Reflect on your physical health and weekly exercise routine.

**HOME COOKING & MEAL PREPPING**

Reflect on how you plan and prepare your meals each week. Do you grab pre-packed processed foods and frequent drive-thrus? Or do you consciously go to the grocery store, choose your ingredients and prepare your meals at home? Our relationship with these habits reflect our nutritional beliefs and relationship with food that will impact our energy levels and health. Plus, home cooking and sharing a meal around a table with others can enhance connection, communication and build relationships.

**SOCIAL LIFE, FRIENDS & FUN**

Are you having enough fun in your life? This category is about the laughter, fun and enjoyment you have in your life. Reflect on your hobbies and recreational patterns and how you live life sharing that fun with others.