

Permission to Use the Measure

Researchers who wish to use the Contingencies of Self-Worth Scale in their research have our permission to do so, with the caveat that it is properly acknowledged by including the correct citation for the measure in any reports. We would appreciate learning about what you are using the measure for, and what you find.

CONTINGENCIES OF SELF-WORTH SCALE

***Item is reverse-scored** such that 7=1, 6=2, 5=3, 4=4, 3=5, 2=6, 1=7.

FAMILY SUPPORT: items 7, 10*, 16, 24, and 29.

COMPETITION: items 3, 12, 20, 25, and 32.

APPEARANCE: items 1, 4*, 17, 21, and 30*.

GOD'S LOVE: items 2, 8, 18, 26, and 31.

ACADEMIC COMPETENCE: items 13*, 19, 22, 27, and 33.

VIRTUE: items 5, 11, 14, 28, and 34.

APPROVAL FROM OTHERS: items: 6*, 9, 15*, 23*, and 35.

Scoring

- First, reverse-score answers to items 4, 6, 10, 13, 15, 23, and 30, such that (1 = 7), (2 = 6), (3 = 5), (4 = 4), (5 = 3), (6 = 2), (7 = 1).
- Then sum the answers to the five items for each respective subscale score, and divide each by 5.

INSTRUCTIONS: Please respond to each of the following statements by circling your answer using the scale from "1 = Strongly disagree" to "7 = Strongly agree." If you haven't experienced the situation described in a particular statement, please answer how you think you would feel if that situation occurred.

		Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Disagree Somewhat	Neutral	Agree Somewhat	Agree	Strongly Agree
1.	When I think I look attractive, I feel good about myself.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
2.	My self-worth is based on God's love.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
3.	I feel worthwhile when I perform better than others on a task or skill.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
4.	My self-esteem is unrelated to how I feel about the way my body looks.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
5.	Doing something I know is wrong makes me lose my self-respect.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
6.	I don't care if other people have a negative opinion about me.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
7.	Knowing that my family members love me makes me feel good about myself.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8.	I feel worthwhile when I have God's love.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
9.	I can't respect myself if others don't respect me.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
10.	My self-worth is not influenced by the quality of my relationships with my family members.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
11.	Whenever I follow my moral principles, my sense of self-respect gets a boost.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
12.	Knowing that I am better than others on a task raises my self-esteem.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
13.	My opinion about myself isn't tied to how well I do in school.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
14.	I couldn't respect myself if I didn't live up to a moral code.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
15.	I don't care what other people think of me.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
16.	When my family members are proud of me, my sense of self-worth increases.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
17.	My self-esteem is influenced by how attractive I think my face or facial features are.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
18.	My self-esteem would suffer if I didn't have God's love.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

		Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Disagree Somewhat	Neutral	Agree Somewhat	Agree	Strongly Agree
19.	Doing well in school gives me a sense of self-respect.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
20.	Doing better than others gives me a sense of self-respect.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
21.	My sense of self-worth suffers whenever I think I don't look good.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
22.	I feel better about myself when I know I'm doing well academically.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
23.	What others think of me has no effect on what I think about myself.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
24.	When I don't feel loved by my family, my self-esteem goes down.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
25.	My self-worth is affected by how well I do when I am competing with others.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
26.	My self-esteem goes up when I feel that God loves me.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
27.	My self-esteem is influenced by my academic performance.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
28.	My self-esteem would suffer if I did something unethical.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
29.	It is important to my self-respect that I have a family that cares about me.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
30.	My self-esteem does not depend on whether or not I feel attractive.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
31.	When I think that I'm disobeying God, I feel bad about myself.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
32.	My self-worth is influenced by how well I do on competitive tasks.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
33.	I feel bad about myself whenever my academic performance is lacking.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
34.	My self-esteem depends on whether or not I follow my moral/ethical principles.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
35.	My self-esteem depends on the opinions others hold of me.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7