

"Important" People Quiz

This "quiz" works very well when you are working on values clarification.

Directions: Give this "quiz" in three parts with very little introduction --

Part I:

1. Name the five wealthiest people in the world.
2. Name the last five Heisman trophy winners.
3. Name the last five winners of the Miss America contest.
4. Name five people who have won the Nobel or Pulitzer prize.
5. Name the last two or three Academy Award winners for Best Actor and Actress.
6. Name the last five World Series Winners.

Ask the class: How did you do?

The point is, none of us remembers the headliners of yesterday. These are no second-rate achievers. They're the best in their fields. But the applause dies. Awards tarnish. Achievements are forgotten and certificates are buried with their owners.

Part II:

Now here's another quiz. See how you do on this one:

1. List a few teachers who aided your journey through school.
2. Name three friends who have helped you through a difficult time.
3. Name five people who have taught you something worthwhile-
4. Think of the people you enjoy spending time with.
6. Name some of the heroes whose stories have inspired you.

Was this easier?

The lesson? The people who make a difference in your life aren't the ones with the most credentials, the most money, or the most awards. They're the ones who care.

Part III:

Now ask yourself these questions:

1. Whose "Important People" list might you be on?
2. Whose "Important People" list would you like to be on?
3. What do you do in your daily life that might warrant your being on someone's list?
4. What could you do differently in your daily interactions so that someone might think of you as an Important Person in his or her life?

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