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Agreeableness

Taking care of others or
taking care of yourself.

Agreeableness - Introduction:

In earlier paragraphs you were described on a scale that included Taking Care of Others and Taking Care of Yourself. The following paragraphs refine what was described in those preceding paragraphs. You will find below descriptions of three specific character traits that are sub-sets of Taking Care of Others and Taking Care of Yourself. The three describe your qualities of Modesty, Social Integrity, and Generosity.

Social Awareness - Introduction:

While taking care of others and taking care of yourself, to what extent do you let people know what you really think and feel? Do you hide your foibles and failures, or can you laugh at yourself in front of someone else? If you believe in someone, will you speak up on their behalf even when it might cost you? Do you see yourself as part of a social system of equals or do you see yourself as part of a social system where you need to game the system a bit - never quite sure what others want or what you are willing to give. For some people, it's true that what you see is what you get; there's nothing hidden about them. For others, what you see is what they want you to see, and they keep a good bit of who they are out of sight. The following paragraphs describe your level of social awareness.

Social Awareness: Your Personalized Description

"Who are you?" Whether or not we ask the question directly, one of the things we want to know about the person in front of us is who they really are. If we can figure that out, we know whether we can trust them and whether we want to spend much time getting closer. It's difficult to know someone if they keep a bunch of stuff hidden, like what they really think or believe, or how they really feel. With these people, answering the "Who

are you?" question is a trek through a dark forest of innuendo and misdirection.

But not with you. You are who you say you are. You believe what you say you believe. When someone wants to know what you think or feel, you tell them, and what you tell them is the direct truth. Even if you have something that most people would hide, you put it out there; you're not afraid to share what some people refer to as "the dark side" that is in each of us.

Okay, maybe that's a bit of an overstatement. You are very open, but there are some things about yourself you hold onto. You're selective about which truths you share, at least initially. You have to make your way to a pretty deep trust before you tell some truths, like those "dark side" truths. But usually, you get there; in time, you muscle up the courage to get in touch and own up to what's really going on.

If you're selective at first about which truths to share, you're also selective about whom you share with. Maybe it's experience that taught you, or maybe just your intuition, but you sense when someone is or is not trustworthy. If they're not, you know how to keep the cards well hidden: let out enough truth about yourself to keep it interesting, but nothing that could get you in trouble. It's not a sport for you, but you can play the game if you have to. But when someone close to you proves to be reliable, it's "game over" for hiding, and you let whatever is inside you out into the conversation. No wonder these relationships with your closest friends and your partner can get so intimate; when you're willing to be so candid, it elicits candor from them, and the intimacy gets deeper and deeper.
