

SELF-LIMITING CORE BELIEFS

When we've experienced hurt, scarcity, and limitations, we begin to internalize beliefs systems that can become self-fulfilling prophecies.

When enough unresolved pain accumulates, we start to see these beliefs as global and they can lead to distorted ways of seeing the world that limit what we accomplish, sabotaging our ability to get what we want from our lives, whether individually, relationally, or with our personal goals and achievements.

These are called "self-limiting core beliefs," and they can lead to feelings of shame, anxiety, and low-self esteem.

To make matters worse, when we show up in the world in that way, we tend to find ourselves in situations that reinforce our deepest fears, about ourselves, others, and our future, which creates a vicious cycle that can be difficult to see past.

We tend to unquestioningly accept these self-limiting beliefs as true as true when we leave them unchecked and do not examine them more deeply. But don't despair!

The good news is that with a deeper investigation of our core beliefs, we may discover important truths about ourselves and how we can change these internalized beliefs and irrational thinking (See our Mastering Irrational Thoughts Guide to learn how to overcome irrational thoughts and triggers, which can radically affect our core beliefs as well.)

Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT) is a research-proven technique that can help transform self-limiting core beliefs and help us see ourselves and the world in more empowering ways.

At My LA Therapy, many of the types of therapy we offer are devoted to changing our relationship to our past and stepping into a new present and future. We use mindfulness, experiential, and trauma-focused interventions to help you break free of your limitations and discover what is possible for you.

Take this Self-Limiting Core Beliefs Quiz to identify where your beliefs are blocking you and getting in the way of what you want in life.

Doing so will not only help you develop greater self-awareness, but it will help you pinpoint your stuck points that need attention and healing so you can come up with a plan of attack.

[In the coming days, we'll be sending you free pro-tips, tricks, and practical tools for how to start to transform these limiting beliefs and create new possibilities for your life.](#)

So excited to share these tools because they've helped me and so many people break free of scarcity and step into abundance and discover a life I never dreamed was possible.

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Circle T or F according to whether you think the statement is mostly true or mostly false. In cases where it's a toss up, go with your first instinct. It is important to complete every item in order to get accurate scores at the end. This tests and the results we share with you after are simply an exploration that will allow you to understand yourself more deeply. Trust your gut as you read the questions and you will begin to gain greater self-awareness about your core beliefs.

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| T | F | 1. I am worthy of love and respect |
| T | F | 2. My world is a pretty safe place |
| T | F | 3. I perform many tasks well |
| T | F | 4. I am in control of my life |
| T | F | 5. I feel loved and cared for |
| T | F | 6. I can rely upon myself |
| T | F | 7. The world is neither fair nor unfair |
| T | F | 8. I feel a strong sense of belonging in my family and community |
| T | F | 9. Most people can be trusted |
| T | F | 10. I set reasonable standards for myself |
| T | F | 11. I often feel flawed or defective |
| T | F | 12. Life is dangerous – a medical, natural, or financial disaster could strike at any time |
| T | F | 13. I am basically incompetent |
| T | F | 14. I have very little control over my life |
| T | F | 15. I've never felt really cared for by my family |
| T | F | 16. Others can care for me better than I can care for myself |
| T | F | 17. I get upset when I don't get what I want – I hate to take no for an answer |
| T | F | 18. I frequently feel left out of groups |
| T | F | 19. Many people would like to hurt me or take advantage of me |
| T | F | 20. Very little of what I do satisfies me – I usually think I could do better |
| T | F | 21. I feel OK about myself |
| T | F | 22. I can protect myself from most dangers |
| T | F | 23. Doing some things comes easy for me |
| T | F | 24. I have the power I need to solve most of my problems |
| T | F | 25. I have at least one satisfying intimate relationship |
| T | F | 26. It's OK to disagree with others |
| T | F | 27. I accept it when I don't get what I want |

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- T F 28. I fit in well with my circle of friends
- T F 29. I rarely need to protect or guard myself with other people
- T F 30. I can forgive myself for failure
- T F 31. Nobody I desire would desire me if they really got to know me
- T F 32. I worry about getting sick or hurt
- T F 33. When I trust my own judgment, I make wrong decisions
- T F 34. Events just bowl me over sometimes
- T F 35. My relationships are shallow – if I disappeared tomorrow, no one would notice
- T F 36. I find myself going along with others' plans
- T F 37. There are certain things I simply must have to be happy
- T F 38. I feel like an outsider
- T F 39. Most people think only of themselves
- T F 40. I'm a perfectionist; I must be the best at whatever I do
- T F 41. I have legitimate needs I deserve to fill
- T F 42. I am willing to take risks
- T F 43. I am a competent person, as capable as most people
- T F 44. My impulses don't control me
- T F 45. I feel nurtured in my family
- T F 46. I don't need the approval of others for everything I do
- T F 47. Things tend to work out, even in the end
- T F 48. People usually accept me as I am
- T F 49. I seldom feel taken advantage of
- T F 50. I set achievable goals for myself
- T F 51. I'm dull and boring and can't make interesting conversation
- T F 52. If I'm not careful with my money, I might end up with nothing
- T F 53. I tend to avoid new challenges
- T F 54. I fear I'll give in to overwhelming crying, anger, or sexual impulses
- T F 55. I'm afraid of being abandoned – that a loved one will die or reject me
- T F 56. I don't function well on my own
- T F 57. I feel I shouldn't have to accept some of the limitations placed on ordinary people
- T F 58. People don't usually include me in what they're doing
- T F 59. Most people can't be trusted
- T F 60. Failure is very upsetting to me
- T F 61. I count for something in the world
- T F 62. I can take care of myself and my loved ones

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- T F 63. I can learn new skills if I try
- T F 64. I can usually handle my feelings
- T F 65. I can get the care and attention I need
- T F 66. I like to spend time by myself
- T F 67. Most of the time I feel fairly treated
- T F 68. My hopes and dreams are much like everyone else's
- T F 69. I give people the benefit of the doubt
- T F 70. I'm not perfect and that's okay
- T F 71. I'm unattractive
- T F 72. I choose my old, familiar ways of doing things over risking the unexpected
- T F 73. I don't perform well under stress
- T F 74. I'm powerless to change many of the situations I'm in
- T F 75. There's no one I can count on for support and advice
- T F 76. I try hard to please others and I put their needs before my own
- T F 77. I tend to expect the worst
- T F 78. Sometimes I feel like an alien, very different from everybody else
- T F 79. I must be on my guard against others' lies and hostile remarks
- T F 80. I push myself so hard that I harm my relationships, my health, or my happiness
- T F 81. People I like and respect often like and respect me
- T F 82. I don't worry much about health or money
- T F 83. Most of my decisions are sound
- T F 84. I can take charge when I need to
- T F 85. I can depend on my friends for advice and emotional support
- T F 86. I think for myself, I can stand up for my ideas
- T F 87. I am treated fairly most of the time
- T F 88. I could change jobs or join a club and soon fit in
- T F 89. I'd rather be too gullible than too suspicious
- T F 90. It's okay to make mistakes
- T F 91. I don't deserve much attention or respect
- T F 92. I feel uneasy when I go very far from home alone
- T F 93. I mess up everything I attempt
- T F 94. I'm often a victim of circumstances
- T F 95. I have no one who hugs me, shares secrets with me, or really cares what happens to me
- T F 96. I have trouble making my own wants and needs known
- T F 97. Although my life is objectively okay, I have a lot of trouble accepting some parts that aren't the way I'd like them to be
- T F 98. I don't feel I belong where I am
- T F 99. Most people will break their promises and lie
- T F 100. I have very clear, black-and-white rules for myself

SCORING

This inventory evaluates your core beliefs about yourself in relationship to the following 10 areas: Value/Self-Worth, Security, Competence, Empowerment, Love, Autonomy, Justice, Belonging, Trust, and Healthy Standards. Everyone holds some core beliefs about these, whether they are conscious or not.

In the coming days, you'll receive more information about what your scores mean, what you can learn from them, and personalized recommendations and pro tips to improve your scores in each area. Get. Excited.

1. Value

_____ points

Look at your answers for items 1, 21, 41, 61, 81. For each T circled, give yourself one point. Now look at your answers for items 11, 31, 51, 71, 91. For each F circled, give yourself one point. Record your total points in the space above.

On a scale from 1 – 10, your score indicates how much you agree with the statement “I am worthy.” The higher your score, the more valuable you believe you are as a person. If you score high on value, you believe that you are deserving of love and respect. This means that you are confident and feel a strong sense of self-worth. You feel valued and respected by those around you.

2. Security

_____ points

Look at your answers for items 2, 22, 42, 62, 82. For each T circled, give yourself one point. Now look at your answers for items 12, 32, 52, 72, 92. For each F circled, give yourself one point. Record your total points in the space above.

On a scale from 1 – 10, this indicates how much you agree with the statement “I am safe.” The higher your score, the more safe and secure you feel in your relationships and in the world. You feel a general sense of peace and wellbeing, and do not spend a lot of time worrying about bad things that might happen.

3. Competence

_____ points

Look at your answers for items 3, 23, 43, 63, 83. For each T circled, give yourself one point. Now look at your answers for items 13, 33, 53, 73, 93. For each F circled, give yourself one point. Record your total points in the space above.

On a scale from 1-10, this indicates how much you agree with the statement "I am competent." The higher the score, the more you feel a sense that you are capable and competent. If you scored high in this area, you feel a sense of self-efficacy and you feel able to accomplish your goals and achieve what you want in life.

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4. Empowerment

_____ points

Look at your answers for items 4, 24, 44, 64, 84. For each T circled, give yourself one point. Now look at your answers for items 14, 34, 54, 74, 94. For each F circled, give yourself one point. Record your total points in the space above.

On a scale from 1 – 10, this indicates how much you agree with the statement “I am powerful.” The higher your score, the more you feel in control of your life and able to create what you want.

5. Love

_____ points

Look at your answers for items 5, 25, 45, 65, 85. For each T circled, give yourself one point. Now look at your answers for items 15, 35, 55, 75, 95. For each F circled, give yourself one point. Record your total points in the space above.

On a scale from 1 – 10 this indicates how much you agree with the statement “I am loved.” The higher your score, the more you feel nurtured, cared for, and loved. A high score indicates you feel accepted and appreciated.

6. Autonomy

_____ points

Look at your answers for items 6, 26, 46, 66, 86. For each T circled, give yourself one point. Now look at your answers for items 16, 36, 56, 76, 96. For each F circled, give yourself one point. Record your total points in the space above.

On a scale from 1 – 10, this indicates how much you agree with the statement “I am autonomous.” The higher your score, the more independent and self-sufficient you feel.

7. Justice

_____ points

Look at your answers for items 7, 27, 47, 67, 87. For each T circled, give yourself one point. Now look at your answers for items 17, 37, 57, 77, 97. For each F circled, give yourself one point. Record your total points in the space above.

On a scale of 1 – 10 this indicates how much you agree with the statement “I am treated justly”. The higher your score, the more likely you are to accept what you get in life as fair or reasonable.

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8. Belonging

_____ points

Look at your answers for items 8, 28, 48, 68, 88. For each T circled, give yourself one point. Now look at your answers for items 18, 38, 58, 78, 98. For each F circled, give yourself one point. Record your total points in the space above.

On a scale of 1 – 10 this indicates how much you agree with the statement “I belong”. The higher your score, the more you feel secure and connected to family, friends, acquaintances and humanity in general.

9. Others

_____ points

Look at your answers for items 9, 29, 49, 69, 89. For each T circled, give yourself one point. Now look at your answers for items 19, 39, 59, 79, 99. For each F circled, give yourself one point. Record your total points in the space above.

On a scale of 1 – 10 this indicates how much you agree with the statement “People are good”. The higher your score, the more likely you are to trust others and to expect them to behave positively towards you.

10. Standards

_____ points

Look at your answers for items 10, 30, 50, 70, 90. For each T circled, give yourself one point. Now look at your answers for items 20, 40, 60, 80, 100. For each F circled, give yourself one point. Core Beliefs Inventory Page 6 of 6 The Still Point March 2004 Record your total points in the space above.

On a scale of 1 – 10 this indicates how much you agree with the statement “My standards are reasonable and flexible”. The higher your score, the more likely you are to judge your own and others’ actions compassionately and have reasonable standards for yourself and others.

NEXT STEPS...

Get excited! In the coming days, you'll get a series of emails with in-depth information about your scores and personal recommendations, pro-tips, and tricks for each section of the quiz that will help breakout of your self-limiting beliefs and expand into new possibilities.

You'll need to opt in here!

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You can look forward to receiving research-proven tools and time-tested psychology techniques that you overcome your inner roadblocks and find more peace, vitality, and inner strength.

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