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Values Reflection

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Evaluating myself for key values, I find that those that pop out are commitment and truth. Both are vital to my everyday actions, and evaluating my past decisions, they shine through easily.

When it comes to commitment, it most prominently shows in the things of which I am strongly passionate. From fourth grade to senior year in high school, I was a member of the academic team at my various schools. At many times, I could have conceded and quit the club. There were many questions I buzzed in for too late, things I did not know, and many medals I did not win. However, I stuck with it, and I studied whenever I could. My commitment paid off for academic team and in other organizations. In college, once I find the drive to push myself for a certain organization, it will be hard for me to stop working for the group. Beyond this, I am strongly committed to friends and will stand by them even in their lowest moments, as that is what I would want them to do for me. Just like for organizations, once I develop a strong friend group I will be committed to helping them to the best of my ability.

Lastly, another key value is truth. As long as I recall, truth has always been important to me. As a child I despised when I heard lies, although I was very untruthful myself. I had my fair share of high jinx and slip-ups as a kid and while I could have lied to the principal in one of my run-ins, I admitted my fault and it lifted my spirits by avoiding the sense of guilt. As I got older, I embodied that demanding truth meant that I had to demand it from myself as well. In situations where the truth may be inconvenient, I still maintain my beliefs and pursuit for truth. It is true that the truth does hurt sometimes, but I value it much more than someone lying for my own sake. Truth is very important to me in friendship and other relationships and it is crucial if I am to become a lasting acquaintance with someone.

Both of these are very important values that I hold to myself and values I look for in my friends. I believe strongly in the golden rule and I apply the rule to people around me through these values. If I ask for a value from another, I should also from myself. In this way I look to everyday that I carry out these important traits and try to treat others with them as well.