

Career Exploration

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Career exploration is not hitting a bull's eye; it's not finding a pre-determined path. It's a process. Rarely can a 17 or 18 year-old determine their calling for life, so just take the next step. A vocational calling can change over a lifetime. God reveals His will a bit at a time. Recall Joseph of the Old Testament.

God blesses PEOPLE, not paths

4 step Process:

1. Know yourself: personality, interested, skills, values
2. Match you to potential careers. Make a long list of possibilities.
3. Research and narrow your choices
4. Prepare

Know Yourself: Skills, Talents, Interests, Values

Take Personality Tests

Humanmetrics.com is free

Careerkey.org \$9.95 each or \$30 for 30 tests

Keirsey Temperaments at www.keirsey.com

Match you to possible careers: Make a long list of possibilities

Research

Bureau Labor Statistics at <http://stats.bls.gov/oco>

Employment or self-employment. MicroBusinessForTeens.com

Shadowing and interviews

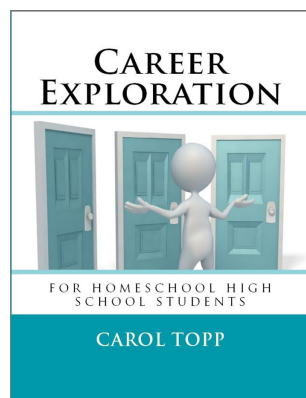
College course guides

Prepare

Create a High School Plan: What do I need to do in high school to be ready for college/career?

Visit CollegeBoard.com

College fairs | Online reviews | College visits (stay in the dorm)



Resources

DollarsAndSenseShow.com podcast. Look for episodes 19-22

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