

Seven Values Pageant Skit

Based on a skit performed in the Meridian Idaho East Stake, this version posted at <http://www.JennySmith.net> – YW helps and clipart)

Commentator: Thank you for joining us for the 2005 Values Pageant! We are pleased to have Miss Values acting as emcee for this year's pageant. Take it away Miss Values!

Miss Values: I'm excited to be here this evening for our 2005 Pageant of Values. Each of the contestants in this year's pageant will model their modest casual attire for our audience as they are introduced.

Miss Values then calls the names of each of the 7 speaking parts and the made up names of the other contestants. We mixed them all up so it wasn't obvious to the audience who would continue to the next part

Miss Values: Thank you, ladies, for your participation in the Young Women's Values 2005 pageant! May I have the envelope please?

Someone hands her an envelope with the names of the 7 finalists (below).

Miss Values: The 7 finalists for this year's values pageant are Miss Pious, Miss Whimper and Whine, Miss Self-Centered, Miss "10", Miss I Dunno, Miss Gossip, and Miss Phoney Baloney!

As their names are read, the 7 young women step forward.

Miss Values: Congratulations to our 7 finalists! While our 7 finalists prepare for the interview portion of our pageant, we'll have a word from our sponsors!

During this time, the 7 contestants could change into modest prom dresses or formals.

Some of the other young women came up with some commercials they performed during the break: "Boyfriend-in-a-can", "LifeSavers 7 Values Candy", and "Celestial Whitener". It was a fun exercise in creativity for them and gave girls not assigned a major part the opportunity to participate.

You could have a musical interlude, talk on the values, or skip this part if you aren't changing clothing.

Commentator: And now back to our New Beginnings Pageant with Miss Values....

Miss Values: For the interview portion of our pageant, each finalist will answer the question, "What do you value?" Miss Pious, what do you

value?

Miss Pious: *(snooty voice, might use British accent)* I've worked so hard I DESERVE to be here! Why, I get up every morning at 3:00 AM for my personal perfection! I pray for 20 minutes, read scriptures for 20 minutes, exercise for 20 minutes, and meditate for 20 minutes. I am VERY organized! I fast one day a week to prove my humility to my friends! I insist that we kneel in prayer every morning before our car pool leaves for school each day. I never miss an opportunity to bear my testimony. This lets everyone know how spiritually aware I am. Did I mention my dad is the Stake President? Everyone my age is so immature! I'll be glad to finally get to BYU so that I can associate with people on my same superior level!

Miss Values: *(in a confused voice)* ...uh, thank you for that interesting response, Miss Pious. Now Miss Whimper and Whine, what do you value?

Miss Self-Centered: *(with Texas drawl)* I am Sarah Belle Self-Centered from Big Me Little You, Texas! *(big wink)* I am plumb delighted to be here and let ya'll have a look at me! I knew I'd be perfect for this! It would further my career so much! None of these girls have what it takes to be a big success. I've been to Julliard's school of music and Boston's finest finishing school. My daddy's rich and my mamma's good-lookin'. ALL the returned missionaries think I am the sassiest little filly in all Texas!

Miss Values: *(still surprised)* That was a very friendly response, Miss Self-Centered! Miss Whimper and Whine, what do you value?

Miss Whimper and Whine: *(in a whiny voice)* It really isn't fair that I wasn't first to tell you my inner feelings! Someone is ALWAYS making me be second or even LAST! My mother wouldn't buy me the \$700 dress I wanted, instead I had to settle for this ugly \$600 one! It even has dumb sleeves! I have been so busy. No one understands I don't have time to do housework, attend church, or listen to my friends' silly problems. I will probably lose this dumb contest because nobody has helped me the way they should. My father is too busy, my mother is preoccupied, and my sister doesn't really care! Oh well—it's stupid anyway! I don't really want to win.

Miss Values: *(less surprised)* Well then. Miss "10" why are you here and what do you value?

Miss "10": *(carries mirror)* Isn't this totally awesome? Do you like my new

hair do – I’ve been coloring it since the 3rd grade! It’s essential to keep this fabulous bod a perfect 10! I have a pedicure on Tuesdays and Thursdays, a manicure on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, and a facial every Saturday morning. I work so hard to look great that I can’t POSSIBLY wear any clothes that aren’t designer label! I only wear Lucky jeans, of course! I don’t have time for school and books—my beauty is all I need. Making myself beautiful is my *numero uno* goal.

Miss Values: *(shaking her head in dismay)* Okay, well, Miss I Dunno, what do you value?

Miss I Dunno: *(in a confused voice)* I dunno why I’m here! One of my friends thought it would be fun, so here I am. I dunno if I wore the right thing! My boyfriend picked this out for me. I dunno if I’ll go to college – I’ll have to wait and see what everyone else does. I dunno what my standards are. I’ll just have to see what my friends do. Do you know why I’m here?

Miss Values: Miss Gossip, can you give us a better answer to the question what do you value?

Miss Gossip: *(speaks while looking about nervously, as if checking for eavesdroppers)* Guess what I heard today?!?... Miss “10” really isn’t!!! She is BOWLEGGED! Get this: ... Miss Pious doesn’t say personal prayers!!! She only says the out-loud-in-front-of-people kind of prayers! ... Don’t tell anyone this ... but Miss I Dunno doesn’t know how everyone laughs behind her back! ... Keep this quiet, too, but Miss Self-Centered will never win Miss Congeniality, because she doesn’t have any friends! No one can stand her! ... Now cross your heart and hope to die you won’t tell ANYONE what I’ve told you!

Miss Values: *(disappointed)* Thank you, Miss Gossip. Miss Phoney Baloney, what do you value?

Miss Phoney Baloney *(speaks the main part of her speech loudly, and the parts in parenthesis sotto voce, or under her breath, as if we are hearing her thoughts)* I’m so glad to be here with all you wonderful people!!! (This sure is a dull audience with no spunk.) I owe my family so much! My mother is my best fiend and I love her! (Sometimes my mother is so dumb and old-fashioned!) All the girls in the pageant have been so special to me and so helpful! (Have you ever seen such funny-looking girls that are so out of it?) All the kids at school have been so supportive of my entrance in this contest! (The kids I got to school with are such nerds!

They think I like them, but I really think they're losers!)

Miss Values: You know, each of these young women has many great qualities, but I'm confused about their values. They don't seem to have any! What is their true purpose? What values can they use to help themselves win more than just physical joy – what values can they develop to help them attain eternal life? Let's give each of these young women time to think and another chance to share what they truly value.

We had Miss Values sing a song to help set the mood for the more spiritual talks below. A brief talk on the value would work really well, too. You can skip the interlude if you like.

Commentator: Thank you for that beautiful musical number, Miss Values! Now let's return to the pageant...

Miss Values: Each of these young women has been given time to evaluate themselves and determine what is truly important in life. Miss Pious, now that you have learned about the importance of righteous values, please tell us what value.

Miss Pious: I have been so busy telling everyone how righteous I am that I haven't taken the time to develop my personal faith. I need to stop putting others down and exercise my faith through quiet acts. I just didn't get it, but now I do. Alma taught the Zoramites in Alma 32:21 that "Faith is not to have a perfect knowledge of things; therefore if ye have faith ye hope for things which are not seen, which are true." I will remember that "I am a daughter of Heavenly Father, who loves me. I have faith in His eternal plan, which centers on Jesus Christ, my Savior." I hope you can forgive me for acting like such a hot-shot. I'd like to be known as a Young Woman of Faith, rather than Miss Pious.

Miss Values: *(gives Miss Pious a new banner with Faith written on it in white letters)* Thank you for teaching us what you learned about the value Faith! Miss Whimper and Whine, what do you value?

Miss Whimper and Whine All I have done is whine, complain, argue, and moan and be generally disagreeable. I have inherited divine qualities from my Father in Heaven, but I ignored them by choosing to have a negative attitude. I have been so busy raining on everyone's parade that I have forgotten how great life and other people can be. Life is great ... I am great ... You are great ... I have great friends ... I live in a great country ... I am a member of a great church and I am a Daughter of God and He loves me! If I will follow the counsel of the apostle Peter who said, "Be partakers of the divine nature. ... Giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue;

and to virtue knowledge; And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity” (2 Peter 1:4-7), I can develop the divine qualities I have inherited from my Father in Heaven. Then I can be known as a Young Woman of Divine Nature instead of Miss Whimper and Whine.

Miss Values:

(gives Miss Whimper and Whine a new banner with Divine Nature written on it in blue letters) Divine Nature is an important value indeed! Miss Self-Centered, what do you value?

Miss Self-Centered

I have been so preoccupied with my own superiority that I can't get outside myself long enough to acknowledge my own individual worth, and the worth of those around me. Sometimes I acted superior when inside I felt inferior. Sometimes I said how great I am, when I really didn't feel great at all. Demonstrating my individual worth does not mean putting others down. Instead, it means remembering the counsel found in Doctrine and Covenants 18:10: “Remember the worth of souls is great in the sight of God”. That scripture doesn't say that I am greater, more superior or more outstanding than anyone else, but instead, that all souls are important to God. We are all unique and special and have a divine mission given us by Heavenly Father. By striving to fulfill my divine mission, I can demonstrate my desire to become a Young Woman of Individual Worth, rather than Miss Self-Centered.

Miss Values:

(gives Miss Self-Centered a new banner with Individual Worth written on it in red letters) I'm feeling better already after hearing you talk about how you Heavenly Father values my Individual Worth! Miss “10”, what do you value?

Miss “10”

I have really been an air head! I thought if I had a great bod everything would take care of itself. I sure was wrong. I need so much more than good looks and physical fitness to help me find the true success that will lead me to my Heavenly Father. From now on, I choose to follow the Lord's commandment found in Doctrine and Covenants 88:118 to “Seek learning, even by study and also by faith,” and I will continually seek opportunities for learning and growth throughout my life. There are good books to read, wholesome movies to see, uplifting music to hear, and exciting classes and discussions to enjoy as I take advantage of the opportunities for growth around me. My faith will grow as I study the gospel from the scriptures, and so will my mind. I can be known as a Young Woman of Knowledge throughout my life, instead of Miss “10”.

Miss Values: *(gives Miss "10" a new banner with Knowledge written on it in green letters)* We all have so much we can do to show we value our knowledge of the gospel. Miss I Dunno, what do you value?

Miss I Dunno I have really had my head in the sand. In my desire to please others, I didn't make the choices I should have. Instead, I let others influence my decisions and didn't want to be held accountable for the results of those choices. When I don't make my choices with careful thought and consideration, I am missing out on chances to show my Heavenly Father that I love Him enough to obey Him. The prophet Joshua said to his people: "Choose you this day whom ye will serve... but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." (Joshua 24:15) I can choose to serve the Lord, like Joshua and his family. Elder Packer has said: "Our lives are made up of thousands of everyday choices. Over the years these little choices will be bundled together and show clearly what we value. The crucial test of life... does not center in the choice between fame and obscurity, nor between wealth and poverty. The greatest decision of life is between good and evil." (Boyd K. Packer, "The Choice," *Ensign*, Nov. 1980, p. 20) I will remain free by choosing good over evil and will accept responsibility for my choices. I will exercise the principle of Choice and Accountability and won't be known as Miss I Dunno any longer.

Miss Values: *(gives Miss I Dunno a new banner with Choice and Accountability written on it in orange letters)* You've inspired me to pay attention to the results of my choices. Miss Gossip, what do you value?

Miss Gossip I seem to be able to do one thing extremely well, and that is gossip. Instead of destroying others by spreading rumors, I can choose to help build the kingdom through my righteous service. There are so many ways to serve if I will just look for them. For starters, I could try being a better sister. I am pretty impatient at home. I could also treat the girls in my young women's class with kindness and friendliness. I can help my family at home with chores without complaining. As I do these good works, I can follow the Savior who said: "Therefore let your light so shine before this people, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven" (3 Nephi 12:16). I'm going to put others first from now on and become a Young Woman of Good Works, instead of Miss Gossip.

Miss Values: *(gives Miss Gossip a new banner with Good Works written on it*

in yellow letters) I will put others first in my life and choose to do more good works, too. Miss Phoney Baloney, what do you value?

**Miss Phoney
Baloney**

What am I thinking? Most of the time I am so fake with my comments and observations that I don't describe anything honestly. When I gush flowery comments or make fun of others, I am not being valiant in my testimony of the Savior. From now on, I will have the moral courage to make my actions consistent with my knowledge of right and wrong. I will make the words of Job my motto: "Til I die I will not remove mine integrity from me." (Job 27:5) I will show my love for Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ by choosing the right, even when no one is watching. I want to be known as a Young Woman of Integrity, instead of Miss Phoney Baloney.

Miss Values:

(gives Miss Phoney Baloney a new banner with Integrity written on it in purple letters) I want to be known as a person of Integrity, too.

Now we have seven young women who have turned themselves into winners by using "the seven Young Women values to help [them] understand more fully who [they] are, why [they] are here on earth, and what [they] should be doing as a daughter of God to prepare for the day [they] go to the temple to make sacred covenants." (Young Women Personal Progress, Overview for Young Women, page 7) Striving to develop these values through Personal Progress "will help [them] prepare for [their] future roles as a faithful woman, wife, mother, and leader in God's kingdom. The program teaches [young women] to make commitments, carry them out, and report [their] progress to a parent or leader. These are patterns [they] will use throughout [their lives] to learn and improve as [women]." (Young Women Personal Progress, Overview for Young Women, page 7)

In the words of the First Presidency, each young woman here is "a beloved daughter of Heavenly Father, prepared to come to the earth at this particular time for a sacred and glorious purpose. You have the noble calling to use your strength and influence for good.... Heavenly Father has blessed [each of] you with talents and abilities that will help you fulfill your divine mission. Through personal prayer, scripture study, obedience to the commandments, and service to others, you can develop these gifts.

"Use your influence to lift and bless your family, other young women, and the young men with whom you associate. Honor

womanhood, support the priesthood, and treasure faithful motherhood and fatherhood.

“As you participate in Personal Progress, you join with thousands of other young women who are striving to come unto Christ and ‘stand as witnesses of God at all times and in all things, and in all places’ (Mosiah 18:9). Counsel with your parents, and prayerfully choose goals that will help you cultivate feminine virtues, grow spiritually, and reach your divine potential. Take advantage of your time in Young Women by preparing to receive the sacred ordinances of the temple, to be a faithful wife and mother, and to strengthen the home and family.” (Young Women Personal Progress, Welcome to Personal Progress, page iv)