**Career/Business Characteristics**

Choose five characteristics that you would like your work to have at this time (your desired characteristics may change throughout your life, as mine have).  You can use your five characteristics to assess possible career choices or to modify your current work to be more satisfying and compatible with your desired lifestyle.

\_\_\_   **Independence:** Doing things on your own; having the freedom to do as you believe is best, ability to take risks at work.

\_\_\_   **Fun:**  Being happy, enjoying the type of work, and being in a pleasant environment.

\_\_\_   **Expertise:**  Being the best in your field, having an opportunity for competition, receiving recognition, meeting goals.

\_\_\_   **Ability To** **Exercise Competency**:  Showing a high degree of proficiency in job skills and knowledge.

\_\_\_  **Wealth**:  Earning a great deal of money, salary /commission, bonuses.

\_\_\_  **Education**: Continuing to learn new things, expanding your knowledge in a new area.

\_\_\_  **Location:**Living close to work, working where there are interesting things to see or do.

\_\_\_  **Leadership:**  Ability to influence others, ability to inspire others to action.

\_\_\_  **Creativity**: Developing and/or implementing new ideas or projects.

\_\_\_  **Prestige:**Position or accomplishment provides prestige and/or respect from others.

\_\_\_  **Nurturing**:  Contributing to the welfare of others, helping people or society.

\_\_\_  **Friendship:**  Being liked by others, having companionship, working on team projects with persons you would choose to work with.

\_\_\_  **Flexibility**: Flex time, ability to take off at different times during the day or week, ability to work less than 40 hours a week.

\_\_\_  **Health**:  Taking care of yourself, lower level of stress, physical exercise is incorporated into the job.

**\_\_\_ Beauty:**  Working close to the beauty of nature, fine art, music, literature, architecture, and/or theater.

\_\_\_ **Security**:  Health Insurance, benefits, not having to worry about present or future income or welfare.

\_\_\_ **Stability:**Having a work routine and job duties that are largely predictable and do not change over time.

\_\_\_ **Meaningful Work**: Work that provides personal meaning to you, allows you to make an impact, and/or matches your values.

\_\_\_ **Respect**:  A work environment in which you are treated with respect and dignity.

Which is the most important characteristic?

How can you build these characteristics into your present job?

What new job would have these characteristics?