

[We started the performance as though we were in the middle of the talent portion of the pageant, with Miss Phoney Baloney performing a mock talent (of her choosing). Then Miss Values said something like, "Thank you, Miss Phoney Baloney! That concludes the talent portion of our competition. Now for the interview portion..." For the interview portion, you could have all of the girls (except the interviewee) wear "soundproof" headphones, just like they do in real pageants.]

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: Well, I'm certainly the most righteous person I know. Why, I get up every morning at 3:00 AM so that I have enough time to pray about what I should wear that day and speed read 100 pages in the Book of Mormon. Instead of wasting time on homework, I just pray for good grades. I bear a tearful testimony to everyone I meet. If I notice anybody looking at me, I reverently bow my head and say a prayer right in front of them! And I fast at least one day a week to demonstrate my humility to my friends! I'm doing all of this because I just know that someday I'm going to be the General Relief Society President of the whole Church! I'm a shoo-in for Miss Values tonight!

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

Miss Material Girl: Well, don't you just love my shoes? I own 99 pair. I never walk out the door without my 3 cell phones, 2 ipods, and my laptop. And you'll just die when you see the car my daddy's buying me for my next birthday—all red leather interior, with a \$30,000 sound-system and a small Jacuzzi in the back. Of course, life isn't *all* about having the latest and greatest. A woman should also invest in those small, lasting treasures, like a 5 carat diamond. Luckily, I have a personal assistant to help me keep track of all my holdings.

Miss Values: (still surprised) My, my, Miss Material Girl, you certainly have a lot to keep track of. Miss Self-Centered, 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 to accentuate my many accomplishments. My successes really began at birth. All my Mama's nurses swore I was the pertiest li'l babe they ever saw. I started crawlin' at 5 months, walkin' at 7, and I could speak a full sentence by the time I was 1. Next year I'm going to split time between the Julliard School of Music and Harvard Law. My daddy's rich and my momma's good-lookin'. There ain't nuthin' they'd rather do than make their li'l Sarah Belle a star. I'm worth it, ain't I?

Miss Values: (less surprised) I'm sure you are, Miss Self-Centered. Miss "10", why are you here and what do you value?

Miss "10": (carries mirror) Take a look! This fabulous bod is a perfect 10! I work out at the Princeton Club 2 hours before school and 3 hours after school, every day. I have a pedicure, manicure, and facial each week, plus I spend 3 hours tanning on Wednesdays and Saturdays. I ONLY wear clothes that are first featured on European fashion runways. When I'm not perfecting my physique, I spend all of my extra time poring over fashion magazines, making sure my size and shape matches all the world-famous supermodels'. True, I don't have time for school and books, but my beauty is all I really need.

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

Miss Whatever: (in a bland voice) Uhhmm...Whatever. I dunno why I'm here! One of my friends signed me up for this, so here I am. I just wore whatever my friends told me to wear. I think it's tacky, but, whatever. I dunno if I'm going to mutual on Tuesday or the SED on Sunday night. It depends on what my friends are doing. We might go see a movie or go to the mall. I just go with the flow and do whatever I see them do. I dunno where I'll go to college or if I'll go at all. I'll have to wait and do whatever everyone else does. Whatever happens in this pageant doesn't matter to me.

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

Miss Gossip: (speaks while looking about quickly, as if checking for eavesdroppers) Guess what I heard today?!?... Miss Pious doesn't say personal prayers!!! She only says the out-loud-in-front-of-people kind of prayers! Don't pass it along, but the reason Miss Material Girl only has 99 pair of shoes is because she can't count past 100! Just between you and me, you probably don't want to hang around Miss Self-Centered too much. She wouldn't know what to do with a friend if she had one! And Miss "10"'s body may be a 10, but (hmp!) so is her IQ. And, not to be mean, but whatever happened to Miss Whatever's fashion sense?!? _____ (say something Miss Whatever is wearing) went out 3 months ago! Honestly!

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 parentheses sotto voce, or under her breath, as if we are hearing her thoughts) Well, I'd say I value success above all (but not the kind that requires any work). I work hard in my part-time job (when my boss is watching), and in school I study, study, study (Sparknotes and the answers on my classmates' homework!). I get the job done (taking shortcuts wherever possible) and am well-respected by my peers (losers that they are). If I win the pageant (I'd better win—I certainly paid those judges enough!) I will strive for world peace (while I sit in a big, cushy chair, enjoying the luxuries of life).

Miss Values: OK.... You know, each of these young women has many great qualities, but I'm confused about their values. Some of them don't seem to have any! Most of them are focused on the wrong values altogether. What is their true purpose? What does their

Heavenly Father want them to value? What can they use to navigate life—to get them back to their heavenly home? I’m going to ask _____ (we asked our Personal Progress coordinator) to teach these Young Women about the kind of values that will bring them true joy and lifelong happiness.

[*Values talk, 5 minutes, written and performed by the Personal Progress coordinator*]

Miss Values: Thank you. I hope you all learned a lifelong lesson. Now that you’ve had a chance to evaluate yourselves—to look deeper and realize what is truly important in life, we’d like to hear a new answer to our favorite question from each of the contestants. Miss Pious, please tell us what value.

Miss Pious: I have been so busy measuring my own righteousness that I haven’t taken time to build my faith in Jesus Christ or serve others. I thought that in order to be “spiritual,” I had to prove that I was better than everybody else. But what really matters is that I sincerely love my Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ. I want to learn more about Them when I read the scriptures, not just skim the pages, and I want to become more like Them! I hope you can forgive me for acting like such a hot-shot. I’d like 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 Faith! Miss Material Girl, have your values also changed?

Miss Material Girl: I have gotten to the point where my material possessions were ready to take over my life! I know it’s fine to have some of my material things, but I don’t want that to be the only thing I think or care about. As a daughter of God, I have inherited so many of His attributes and qualities. Heavenly Father wants me to develop my kindness, patience, righteousness, and charity, and become more like Him everyday. I want my treasure to be in heaven, not on earth. Then I can be known as a Young Woman of Divine Nature instead of Miss Material Girl.

Miss Values: (gives Miss Material Girl a new banner with Divine Nature written on it in blue letters) When we value Divine Nature, we realize how supreme it is to be daughters of God. Miss Self-Centered, what do you value?

Miss Self-Centered: I have been so preoccupied with my activities and accomplishments that I didn’t acknowledge my real worth, or the worth of those around me. I thought that I would be worth more when I was successful in worldly ways, but I’ve learned that I have worth because I am a child of God. I’m worth so much that the Savior gave His life to save me and redeem my soul. Doctrine and Covenants 18:10 teaches that "...the worth of souls is great in the sight of God." We are all unique and individual gifts and talents given us by Heavenly Father. By striving to fulfill my divine mission, I can 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 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 the perfect body, everything would take care of itself. But Heavenly Father wants me to use my mind. I believe that He will help me to learn as much as I can if I "Seek learning, even by study and also by faith." I want to learn everything I can about the world so that I can use my ideas to serve my fellow man! My faith will grow as I study the gospel from the scriptures, and so will my mind. There will be good books to read, wholesome movies to see, uplifting music to hear, and classes and conversations to enjoy my whole life long. 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 Whatever, what do you value?

Miss Whatever: My head has really been in a cloud. In my desire to have friends, I let others make my decisions for me. Then I didn't want to be held accountable for those choices. I am prone to be misled when I don't make my own decisions. But if I pray for wisdom, Heavenly Father will guide me to safe paths, and then I can show that I love Him enough to obey Him. The prophet Joshua said: "Choose you this day whom ye will serve...but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord" (Josh 24:15). I can choose to serve the Lord, and seek His guidance in my life. As I exercise the principle of Choice and Accountability, I won't be known as Miss Whatever 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: Gossiping was the only thing I could do extremely well, but it didn't make me happy. Instead of hurting others with criticism, I want to build the kingdom through righteous service. For starters, I could try being a nicer sister and not be so impatient at home. I could also treat the girls in my young women's class with kindness, and only speak of them in honorable ways. Then I will be following the Savior who said: "...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 look for ways to serve 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: I still want to be successful, but more importantly, I want to be honest. If I only fake my work and obedience, I can only expect fake rewards and fake blessings. From now on, I will have the moral courage to make my actions consistent

with my knowledge of right and wrong. 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.

[We ended by having Miss Values say something about how the judges couldn't choose which value should win because they were all so important. She then invited one of the "Judges in Israel" (the Bishop) to explain that to the audience. The Bishop then gave his closing remarks.]