



Tools for Coming Home to Yourself

THE HIGH-ACHIEVER'S Identity Crisis



Ten questions that reveal
who you are beneath the
achievements and
expectations



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A NOTE BEFORE YOU BEGIN



There's a particular kind of exhaustion that high achievers rarely talk about.

It's not the exhaustion of doing too much, though that's often present, too. It's the exhaustion of maintaining the version of yourself that the world expects, that people around you depend on, that you've been carefully constructing for so long you can barely remember what came before it.

Most of us can sense that, deep down, we're relying on everything outside of ourselves to feel whole. The validation. The accomplishments. The approval. The identity that looks so convincing from the outside.

And we also know, if we're honest, that if we look too closely at what's underneath all that, the act will fall apart.

These ten questions are an invitation to look anyway.

What you find when you take an honest look inward is something far more solid, far more true, and far more worthy of the life you've been given than anything you've been performing.

You're here because you recognize that the outside no longer matches the inside, that the achievements feel hollow, that the question *Is this really it?* won't stay quiet anymore.

You're looking for answers, and these are the questions that will get you there.

You don't need to have it all figured out before you begin. You just need to be unflinchingly honest with yourself, and open to what you find. I'm here to help.

Always in your corner,

Jennifer Wade



HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE



Create Space

Find a quiet time and place where you can be uninterrupted and fully honest with yourself.



Journal Freely

Write without overthinking. Let your first thoughts flow onto the page.



Trust What Comes Up

You may feel clarity, resistance, discomfort, or all of the above. Every response is valid.



Return Often

Your answers will naturally evolve over time. As you embody your insights, revisiting these questions will continue to reveal deeper layers of wisdom.

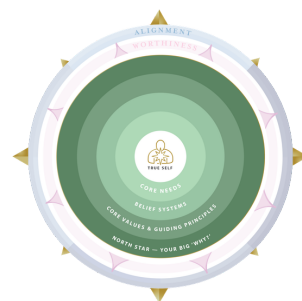




Pillar One

IDENTITY

Know who you are



Most of us carry a version of ourselves that has been shaped as much by the world around us as by anything truly our own. The first step toward living authentically isn't changing anything — it's simply seeing clearly. These three questions are an invitation to look honestly at the foundation you've been building your life on, and to begin to distinguish what is genuinely, deeply yours.

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When you look honestly at the values guiding your life, which ones feel deeply, authentically yours, and which ones might you have inherited from a parent, a mentor, a culture, or a version of yourself you've long since outgrown?

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Think about the environments and pursuits where you feel most driven to succeed. Where does it actually come from? Is it rooted in something genuinely yours (curiosity, growth, a deep personal calling) or is it reaching toward something external, like approval, reputation, or a reward you believe will finally make you feel like enough?

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When you strip away every role you play – son or daughter, partner, professional, parent, friend – who is left? What do you know to be true about this person beyond the labels?



Pillar Two

WORTHINESS

Love Who You Are



Of the three pillars, this one asks the most of you. It asks you to look honestly at the places where you have not yet learned to be on your own side, where you are still waiting for the world to give you something you haven't yet found a way to give yourself. These three questions won't be comfortable. But the woman on the other side of them is closer to free.

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Where in your life are you struggling to accept yourself as you are, *not* the version of you that's still working toward something or the version you'll be when you finally get there, but the you that exists *right now*, in this moment?

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Despite everything you've accomplished, where does the nagging voice of "*I'm not good enough*" or "*I don't really belong here*" still manage to find you? To what lengths do you go to justify the validity of this voice, and what benefit do you receive from doing so?

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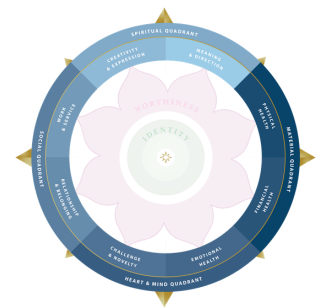
Where in your life are you looking to others to give you something you haven't yet learned to give yourself, like permission, approval, or reassurance that you are enough?



Pillar Three

ALIGNMENT

Live who you are



This is where the inner work meets your outer life. Identity asks who you are. Worthiness asks whether you believe you deserve to live as that person. Alignment asks the most practical and perhaps the most confronting question of all: is the life you are actually living a reflection of everything you've just uncovered? These three questions ask you to look squarely at the gap between who you are and how you are living.

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When you look honestly at the life you're actually living – your work, your relationships, your daily choices – where do you see the clearest conflict between what you say you value and how you're spending your one precious life?

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Think about your own needs. Not the needs of the people you love, not the demands of your work, but *your own* true needs. Where are you consistently pushing them aside, minimizing them, or pretending they don't exist?

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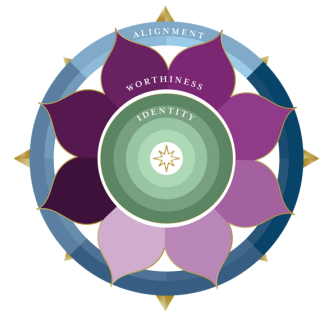
Where are your gifts being kept in a cage? What parts of who you are – your talents, your voice, your truest self – are being dimmed, suppressed, or simply never given permission to fully emerge?



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INTEGRATION

Your Compass for Aligned Living



You've done something courageous in these pages. You've looked honestly at what values you're living by, where you've withheld acceptance from yourself, and where the life you're living doesn't yet reflect the person you actually are.

This final question asks you to hold all of it at once, not with dread, but with the kind of clarity that only comes when you finally stop looking away. What's waiting on the other side of this question isn't just insight; it's the beginning of living something different. It is the beginning of a life that finally feels like it fits because it was tailor-made for you and no one else.

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Sit with this for a moment. If nothing changes, if the values that aren't yours stay in place, if the needs you've been ignoring continue to go unmet, and if the gifts you could be celebrating remain in their cage, what will the real cost be five years from now? Ten years from now?

Then consider the other possibility: if you gave yourself full permission, starting now, to become the person these nine questions have been pointing you toward – not someday, not when everything is finally in order, but **now** – what person would finally be free to emerge, and what might finally be possible?

WHAT COMES NEXT?



Reflect Deeply

Take a moment to notice what stood out. Which questions lingered? What else might they be pointing to?



Look for Patterns

Do your insights point to larger patterns of thought or behavior? How are these playing out in your life?



Take It Further

Use your insights as a guide. Small, aligned choices create real, lasting change.



I'm Here for You

You don't have to do this alone. If you're ready for support, coaching can help you move from insight to transformation.





Thank You



Thank you for taking this time for yourself. Your willingness to pause, reflect, and explore is a powerful step toward a more authentic life.

I hope the insights you've uncovered here continue to guide you, support you, and remind you of who you truly are.

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