SPIRITUAL FITNESS GUIDE

This is a **self-assessment** tool to help service members consider their spiritual condition.

Spirituality may be used generally to refer to that which gives meaning and purpose in life, or the term may be used specifically to refer to the practice of a philosophy, religion, or way of living.

FIT	STRESSED	DEPLETED	DRAINED
Potential Indicators	Potential Indicators	Potential Indicators	Potential Indicators
Engaged in life's meaning/purpose	Neglecting life's meaning/purpose	Losing a sense of life's meaning/purpose	Feels like life has no meaning/purpose
> Hopeful about life/future	Less hopeful about life/future	Holds very little hope about life/future	Holds no hope about life/future
Makes sound moral decisions	Makes some poor moral decisions	Makes poor moral decisions routinely	Engaged in extreme immoral behavior
 Fully engaged with family, friends, and community 	 Somewhat engaged with family, friends, and community 	Weakly engaged with family, friends, and community	Not engaged with family, friends or community
Able to forgive self and others	Difficulty forgiving self or others	Not likely to forgive self or others	> Forgiveness is not an option
> Respectful of others	> Less respectful of others	> Strong disrespect for others	Complete disrespect for others
Engaged in core values/beliefs	Straying from core values/beliefs	Disregards core values/beliefs	Abandoned core values/beliefs

Your chaplain cares about you and is committed to helping with your Spiritual Fitness.

Absolute confidentiality is guaranteed.

Chaplain POC:



What is Spiritual Fitness?

Spiritual Fitness is a term used to capture a person's overall spiritual health and reflects how spirituality may help one cope with and enjoy life.

Spirituality may be used generally to refer to that which gives meaning and purpose in life. The term may be used more specifically to refer to the practice of a philosophy, religion, or way of living. Spirituality has two primary expressions:

Human Expression: Refers to the essential core of the individual. Includes activities that strengthen self and build healthy relationships.

• Examples include commitment to family, love of life, and esprit de corps.

Religious Expression: Refers to the application of faith. Includes activities that connect one to the Divine, God, and the supernatural.

- Examples include prayer, worship, and participation in the sacraments.
- Buddhism encourages pursuit of the Noble Path.
- Christianity has a focus on seeking the Holy Spirit.
- Islamic spirituality is derived from the Quran and following the Sunnah.

Your spiritual fitness is typically healthier if you <u>practice</u> your faith, beliefs, and other activities that support your spirituality.

Your spiritual fitness is typically less healthy if you <u>neglect</u> to practice your faiths, beliefs, and other activities that support your spirituality.

To learn more about spiritual fitness, contact your unit chaplain.