

Multiple Choice Questions:

- 1) Filmore said "identity" is knowing three things about yourself. Choose the three.
 - a) ***I am Unique***
 - b) ***I am Important***
 - c) I am Good Looking
 - d) ***I am Valuable***
 - e) I am Popular

- 2) According to Filmore, your family history is also called a:
 - a) A "Family Bush"
 - b) A "Family Photo Album"
 - c) ***A "Family Tree"***
 - d) A "Family Lineup"

- 3) Filmore said that when his "*dogsestors*", back in his home country of Hungary, wouldn't backdown from the invading armies of bullies, they were called:
 - a) Foolish
 - b) ***Courageous***
 - c) Angry
 - d) Mean

- 4) Filmore made a **really important point** about what makes us who we **really** are. Is it:
 - a) What others think about us?
 - b) ***What is way down deep inside our hearts?***
 - c) What we say we are?
 - d) What others tell us what we need to be?

- 5) When we stand strong between bullies and the families that we care for, Filmore called this:
 - a) ***Loyalty***
 - b) Jealousy
 - c) Prejudice
 - d) Silliness

- 6) Filmore said that these people could take away the loyalty and courage that we hold onto in our hearts:
 - a) Lawmakers
 - b) Bullies
 - c) Armies
 - d) ***Nobody***

- 7) By what Filmore said about "**LOVE**"...love is best understood as:
- a) Doing what makes me feel good.
 - b) Just a good feeling.
 - c) Making a decision to do what is best for others, no matter how I feel.**
 - d) Concentrating on my wants, desires and feelings.
- 8) Filmore describes *LOVE* as a kind of super power that only humans have. By that, he meant these three things.
- a) Humans can zap people with love rays.
 - b) Humans can choose to what's best for others even when its that hardest thing to do.**
 - c) Humans are not just creatures of instinct like animals are.**
 - d) Humans can choose to do right even when everyone else says to do wrong.**
- 9) LOVE is:
- a) A choice we make for the best of others.**
 - b) Just a feeling.
 - c) A demand we place on others.
 - d) Expecting others to please us.

True or False Questions:

- 10) *True or False:* What made Filmore a "**true** Hungarian Sheepdog" was his curly black and white fur **on the outside**.
- a) True
 - b) False**
- 11) *True or False:* Even though he appreciated his "dogcestry", Filmore would rather be just called an "*Dogmerican*" than a Hungarian.
- a) True**
 - b) False
- 12) *True or False:* Filmore believes that what makes a person **who they really are** is what is way down deep in their heart.
- a) True**
 - b) False
- 13) *True or False:* Filmore said that you should always judge a person by what they look like on the outside.
- a) True
 - b) False**
- 14) *True or False:* Your **identity**, according to Filmore, is knowing who you are and that you are **unique, important** and **valuable**.
- a) True**
 - b) False

15) *True or False*: Hungarian Sheepdogs have been called the bravest and most watchful shepherding dogs of all time.

a) **True**

b) False

16) *True or False*: "Purpose" means *the reason* something is part of the world.

a) **True**

b) False

Fill in the Blank Questions:

17) Filmore said that what you do when no one is watching you is called [**Character**].

18) [**Sheeple**] is the term that Filmore uses to describe the people in his life that he is devoted to more than anything else.

19) Filmore is what people call a [**rescue**] dog that describes a homeless dog that is taken into a safe shelter to find them a home.

20) One dog in the safe shelter with all the puppies was an older dog named Schmittty McDoogle McMutt, but Filmore just called him [**Schmittty**].

21) According to Schmittty, a dog's heart is like a [**puzzle**] that connects the life of one dog to other dogs.

22) When a piece is missing from a puzzle, according to Schmittty, it can "make us kind of [**sad**] and [**empty**] in our hearts".

Matching Questions:

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| 23) <u>a</u> | We can only be pieced together with others when we use | a) kindness, gentleness, respect and helpfulness. |
| 24) <u>f</u> | Schmittty had white chin whiskers that kind of | b) FILL-MORE of life's puzzle with them. |
| 25) <u>d</u> | When the family lost their old dog it left | c) it was Filmore's turn to rescue the family from "doglessness." |
| 26) <u>b</u> | Filmore believed he came to his new family to | d) a dog-shaped hole in their hearts. |
| 27) <u>e</u> | Courageous faith often call to our hearts: | e) "Onward and Upward!" |
| 28) <u>c</u> | Just as Filmore had been rescued from homelessness | f) "Schwiggle-Schwaggled" when he talked. |

Short Answer Questions:

These short answer questions are designed as a **springboard** into a **more in-depth discussion** with your students...

29) After Filmore "tooted" during his struggle to stand his ground for what he believed was right, he said that caring was a really tough thing to do. Even though it caused embarrassment to him and a lot of effort, Filmore just dug his heels in and wouldn't quit caring. What did Filmore say that it *often takes* in order to carry to see it through when you care for others? Explain.

"Caring often takes the courage of your convictions to see it through. That means even though you many have to face struggles or opposition you must just take heart that what you are doing is the right thing and keep trying.

30) Filmore said that when he was struggling to follow his convictions to rescue that family from "doglessness", suddenly some "**in born**" qualities *showed him his purpose*. What were the three things that led Filmore to begin to discover his purpose? Explain.

"That's when my inborn DESIRES, DIRECTION and DETERMINATION showed me my purpose". When we act on the good desires we have in our hear and begin to work them out with courage and effort then our purpose begins to become clear to us.

31) Filmore scratches his chin trying to come up with an exact definition of "Purpose". What is his definition?

Filmore's definition: "Purpose means the reason something is part of the world. It is why things happen and what things and people are for". [For deeper discussion talk about the "the reason", the "why" and the "what people are for" aspects of Filmore's definition mean. This discussion could involve that there is an underlying meaning to life that we humans can try to tap into a be a part of. That living with a sense of meaning gives us our identity, worth, importance and value and a feeling of destiny and/or formation of ultimate goals that are most important in whatever way we choose in life. Many philosophers see purpose, identity and destiny as related.]

32) Filmore makes a distinction between "**shared**-purpose" and "**single**-purpose". What is the difference? Why is it good to know both as a person?

Shared-purpose refers to a group of the same kind that have a common reason for being. For dogs, their shared purpose is to "be man's best friend". For humans we have a shared purpose called the Golden Rule...to "treat others like we want to be treated." Single-Purpose refers to the individual member of the bigger group to carry out the group purpose in a unique way according to their individual gifts, talents and opportunities. For dogs that means that hunting dog's help their best human friends hunt...guard dogs help guard their best human friends' things...etc. For humans it means that what ever we are gifted with, our abilities, talents and opportunities on an individual makes up our individual or single purpose in always treating others like we want to be treated and choosing to do the highest best for others in all situations.

33) Near the end of the story Filmore reveals that **LOVE** is the most powerful force in the world. What is Filmore's thinking behind that statement?

"Love is the reason that everything is what it is, where it is at, and, most importantly, WHY it is, as it is. Love is the reason for...and the power of...purpose." Filmore's thinking about love suggests that all tings have an intentional reason for being rather than just chance. What are the implications of this idea?

34) Filmore states that love is not just a feeling and it is not just an animal instinct that people have. Humans have the power to seek and to do the highest best and what is right for others--why is this a SUPERPOWER compared to simply feelings or just animal instinct?

Humans are the only creatures that can think outside of our instincts and temporary worldly environment to reach out to others with a choice to do what is best, even if it costs us to do so...including even their enemies. Discuss how our unique human brains allow us to carry out decisions based on morality, what is right, and what serves others before ourselves. in this way it LOVE is a super-power that no other creatures on earth can exercise fully by individual choice.