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## ISTJ Introvert, Sensing, Thinking, Judging

#### **Potential Strengths**

ISTJs are quiet, serious, and traditional people, who communicate in a style that is clear, simple, and direct. They are careful observers with a realistic and practical perspective that guides their lives. They notice details that interest or relate to them and have great memories for things they have personally experienced. They like to think things through before acting and tend to be cautious about change. ISTJs are responsible, stable, and capable in all situations they know.

Conscientious and logical, ISTJs like to make decisions that are sensible and that help things stay orderly and efficient. Very organized and productive, they are duty bound, hard workers with a great ability to concentrate and get things done. They like to be judged on their merits and are fair and consistent when dealing with others. They take all their commitments seriously and prefer people who are genuine and down to earth.

## **Potential Weaknesses**

ISTJs trust proven facts and experience so they tend to be skeptical and sometimes suspicious of untested ways of doing things. They often prefer to "wait and see" rather than take immediate action and can run the risk of missing opportunities because they hesitated. They can get lost in the minutia of details they focus on and can lose sight of the larger context or purpose of their work. They may become discouraged when they can't see a way out of a bad situation.

Their conservative natures can make them rather rigid because they have such clear and unquestionable standards of right and wrong. They may demand conformity to their way of doing things and not encourage or allow other, less conventional methods to be tried. Because of their calm and cool exterior, ISTJs can appear disinterested or uncaring about what's going on around them. They don't naturally offer their insights or feelings unless they are asked and are comfortable with the people around them.

## As An ISTJ, I Am Good At...

Following and adhering to established routines and procedures Working alone without being supervised or needing to socialize Handling situations of high pressure and stress with calm Completing all parts of my work with accuracy and precision Remembering the important details of projects and not letting them fall through the cracks

#### I Need To Watch My Tendency To...

Avoid trying new ways of doing things or untested approaches Discourage dissension or resist change Make snap decisions without consulting other people Be impatient with inefficient people or systems Forget to offer compliments and express my appreciation of others

## What I Need In A Career For It To Be Satisfying

- 1.A stable and traditional work environment, with a clear reporting structure and explicit expectations.
- 2. The opportunity to work on one project at a time, with plenty of time to plan my work and executive it without interruption.
- 3. Work that involves real products and services, where I can see the immediate results of my efforts, and where I am evaluated on my merits.
- 4.A promotional system that rewards my hard work, experience, and accomplishments with increasing levels of responsibility and compensation.
- 5.Opportunities to develop and use my technical skills in subjects of practical value and those I fully understand.

## Some Popular ISTJ Careers To Consider

- Healthcare administrator
- Manager/supervisor
- Office manager
- Accountant / auditor
- Military officer
- Pharmacist
- Efficiency expert/analyst
- Bank and tax examiner
- IRS agent
- Insurance underwriter
- Veterinarian
- Credit analyst
- Database administrator
- Stock broker
- Estate planner
- Police officer/detective
- School principal
- Librarian
- Mechanical/electrical engineer
- Lawyer Administrator
- Teacher: bus. / tech. / math
- Meteorologist
- Corrections officer
- Teacher: physical education
- Technical writer
- Civil /mechanical engineer
- Computer programmer
- General surgeon
- Dentist

#### **Recommendations For The Job Search**

#### Using My Strengths, I Excel. When I:

- 1. Research all potential careers carefully and thoroughly
- 2. Prepare my marketing materials with painstaking accuracy and care
- 3.Present myself as a capable and competent candidate, documenting my experience
- 4.Am patient with the length of the search and with the procedures I need to follow
- 5. Follow through with all details; respect deadlines and commitments

## Avoiding My Weaknesses, I Need To:

- 1. Be willing to consider less obvious career opportunities
- 2. Look down the road to imagine the future implications of my decisions
- 3. Resist the urge to be overly cautious about change
- 4. Remember to send thank you notes and other niceties
- 5. Express my enthusiasm and be assertive in marketing myself
- 6. Postpone making decisions until I have considered ail my options

# **Additional Careers Choices for ISTJs**

# BUSINESS

- Chief information officer
- Regulatory compliance officer
- Property manger: commercial /
- Residential
- Construction and building inspector
- Construction manger
- Purchasing agent/contract specialist
- Insurance claims examiner
- Statistician
- Real estate appraiser
- Association administrator
- Home inspector

# FINANCE

- Treasurer, controller, and CFO
- Investment securities officer
- Budget analyst
- Cost estimator

# SALES / SERVICE

- Sports equipment/merchandise sales
- Real estate agent
- Industrial safety/health engineer
- Commercial pilot
- Probation officer
- Flight engineer or navigator
- Environmental compliance inspector
- Immigration and customs inspector
- Forrest / park ranger
- Farmer
- Electrician

## LEGAL / TECHNOLOGY

- Criminalist and ballistics expert
- Court clerk
- Pharmaceutical sales/researcher
- Geologist
- Agricultural scientist
- Reliability engineer
- Systems analyst
- Web editor
- Computer engineer
- Law researcher
- Data processing equipment repairer
- Hardware engineer
- Hardware/software tester
- Technical writer

# **HEALTH CARE**

- Nursing home administrator
- Radiologist
- Lab technician
- Medical researcher
- Exercise physiologist
- Orthodontist
- Coroner
- Optometrist
- Environmental science technician
- Medical records administrator
- EKG technologist

# Knowing Yourself Is The Beginning Of All Wisdom



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