

Careers for ISTJ Personality Types

Whether you're a young adult trying to find your place in the world, or a not-so-young adult trying to find out if you're moving along the right path, it's important to understand yourself and the personality traits that will impact your likeliness to succeed or fail at various careers. It's equally important to understand what is really important to you. When armed with an understanding of your strengths and weaknesses, and an awareness of what you truly value, you are in an excellent position to pick a career which you will find rewarding.

ISTJs generally have the following traits:

- Value tradition, security, and peaceful living
- Will work long and hard to fulfill duties
- Can be depended on to follow through on tasks
- Loyal and faithful
- Stable, practical and down-to-earth
- Family-minded
- Dislike doing things which don't make sense to them
- Dislike abstract theory, unless they see the practical application
- Natural leaders
- Prefer to work alone, but work well in teams when necessary
- Extremely observant, they take in facts via their senses and store them internally
- Vast, rich inner store of facts which they rely on to understand problems which they encounter in their lives
- Profound respect for facts and concrete information
- Make decisions objectively, applying logic and rational thinking
- Dislike change, unless they are shown it's benefit in a concrete way
- Have strong opinions about the way things should be done
- Appreciate structured, orderly environments
- Have very high standards for their own behavior and the behavior of others
- Not naturally in-tune with other people's feelings
- Able to accomplish almost anything if they put their minds to it
- Community minded "good citizens"

ISTJs have one character trait that puts them at a definite advantage in terms of career success - Perseverance. An ISTJ can do almost anything that they have decided to do. However, there are areas in which they will function more happily and naturally. An ISTJ will do best in a career in which they can use their excellent organizational skills and their powers of concentration to create order and structure. ISTJs seem to fit extremely well into the Management and Executive layer of the corporate business world.

ISTJ CAREERS

BUSINESS

Auditor
Office manager
Accountant
Manager/supervisor
Work processing specialist
Efficiency expert/analyst
Insurance underwriter
Logistics and supply manager
Regulatory compliance officer
Chief information officer
Accountant/actuary

SALES/SERVICE

Police officer/detective
IRS agent
Government employee
Military officer
Corrections sergeant
Real estate agent
Sports equipment/merchandise sales
Corrections officer

FINANCE

Bank examiner
Investment securities officer
Tax examiner
Stockbroker
Estate planner
Credit analyst
Budget analyst

EDUCATION

School principal
Teacher:
technical/industrial/math/physical ed.
Librarian
Administrator

LEGAL/TECHNICAL

Law researcher
Legal secretary
Electrician
Engineer
Mechanic
Computer programmer
Technical writer
Legal secretary/paralegal
Pharmaceutical sales/researcher
EEG technologist/technician
Geologist
Meteorologist
Airline mechanic
Mechanical/industrial/electrical engineer
Agricultural scientist

HEALTH CARE

Veterinarian
General surgeon
Dentist
Nursing administration
Health care administrator
Pharmacist
Lab technologist
Medical researcher
Primary care physician
Biomedical technologist
Exercise physiologist
Pharmacist/pharmacy technician