Take a moment to consider these $50 million questions as well:

1. Congratulations! You just won the lottery—$50 million. Here’s the catch—you have to spend it all, on yourself only, within the next six months. What are you going to do with it?

2. Congratulations again! Your lucky streak continues. You just won an additional $50 million. However, this time you need to give it all away, within the next six months. How are you going to distribute it?

Wondering how this all ties in to career development? Well, look for the patterns. In the first scenario, consider what it is that you need to be happy. Material possessions, such as cars and homes? Experiences, such as travel? How do these fantasy selections fit in with your realistic lifestyle expectations?

The list you created for the second scenario provides insight into what you value. Did you give money away to people or charities? Did you build, improve, or create? What are the causes that are important to you and why?

Don’t discount this piece of the puzzle when it comes to self-assessment. Your daydreams and fantasies are just as valuable as your concrete exposure to different career fields. As you explore different industries, pay attention to those that are consistent with your values as identified here.