

Santa Clara Strength of Religious Faith Questionnaire
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Reference: Plante, T.G., & Boccaccini, M. (1997). The Santa Clara Strength of Religious Faith Questionnaire. Pastoral Psychology, 45, 375-387

Please answer the following questions about religious faith using the scale below. Indicate the level of agreement (or disagreement) for each statement.

1 = strongly disagree 2 = disagree 3 = agree 4 = strongly agree

- _____ 1. My religious faith is extremely important to me.
- _____ 2. I pray daily.
- _____ 3. I look to my faith as a source of inspiration.
- _____ 4. I look to my faith as providing meaning and purpose in my life.
- _____ 5. I consider myself active in my faith or church.
- _____ 6. My faith is an important part of who I am as a person.
- _____ 7. My relationship with God is extremely important to me.
- _____ 8. I enjoy being around others who share my faith.
- _____ 9. I look to my faith as a source of comfort.
- _____ 10. My faith impacts many of my decisions.

To score, add the total scores. They will range from 10 (low faith) to 40 (high faith)

Some articles that have been published on the scale include the following:

- Plante, T.G., & Canchola, E.L. The association between strength of religious faith and coping with American terrorism regarding the events of September 11, 2001, under review.
- Plante, T.G., Vallaey, C., Sherman, A.C., & Wallston, K.A. (2002). The development of a brief version of the Santa Clara Strength of Religious Faith Questionnaire. Pastoral Psychology, 50, 359-368.
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- Plante, T.G., & Boccaccini, M. (1997). Reliability and validity of the Santa Clara Strength of Religious Faith Questionnaire, Pastoral Psychology, 45, 429-437.
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Note: You may wish to consider using the brief version of the scale that follows:

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