## **BIRKMAN INSIGHTS**



## **UNDERSTANDING WORK STYLES**

The following statements are generated from your Work Styles scores. Carefully read each statement and check the ones that are most significant to you. Remember, a statement appears because it may be significant for you, not because it is significant. Only you can decide which statements are most relevant for you.

- Do not particularly look like a directive manager; or, if you have this role, handle it rather differently from most managers in similar positions Directive Management L
- Tend to apply yourself to work when it is interesting to you or engages your attention; not inclined toward continued application when that incentive is absent. Effective managers may score high or low on this scale Work Motivation L
- (Relevant for managers) Can understand, and are usually prepared to play, the political "games" that are a natural part of the larger corporation. Effective managers in such places tend to look like this *Corporate Adaptability H*
- Something of a "free spirit"; do not necessarily feel bound by societal and organizational rules, though you may observe them for the sake of expediency. Senior managers and other higher-ranking officials with a track record of success are likely to attribute that success to this free-wheeling approach, and will admit that they have had to be careful about exercising that approach too often. For others, this characteristic may prove an impediment to personal success.

Social Adaptability L; Social Responsibility L

- Prefer positions involving contact with people to positions involving the collating of data or information Public Contact H
- Prefer "by-the-book," indoor, non-mechanical work to outdoor mechanical work (with particular emphasis on the "indoor") Global H