

UNDERSTANDING MISSION STATEMENTS

1. Why Have A Mission Statement?

2. What Is A Mission Statement?

- A mission statement is, in essence, a written-down reason for being – whether for a person or for a company.
- Having a clearly defined mission statement gives a person a description of purpose that can be used to initiate, evaluate, and refine all of their activities.

3. Jesus Had A Mission Statement

John 10:10, NASB – “... *I came that they might have life, and might have it [more] abundantly.*”

John 12:46-47, NIV – (46) *I have come into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness. (47) As for the person who hears my words but does not keep them, I do not judge him. For I did not come to judge the world, but to save it. [to give life, and life more abundantly]*

4. All Great Leaders Had A Mission Statement

- Abraham Lincoln - preserve the Union.
- Franklin D. Roosevelt - end the Depression.
- Nelson Mandela - end apartheid.
- Mother Teresa - show mercy and compassion to the dying.
- Joan of Arc - free France.
- Nehemiah - rebuild the walls of Jerusalem.
- Paul - bring the gospel to the Gentiles.

5. Three Elements To A Good Mission Statement

- a) A mission statement should be no more than a single sentence long.
- b) It can be easily understood by a twelve year old
- c) It can be recited by memory, even under stress.

ENTERING INTO DESTINY

Part 5 – My Mission: Connecting My Passions And Values

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REVIEW

1. Diagnostic Indicators To Your Purpose

<u>P</u> assions	<u>O</u> verriding Motivations
<u>U</u> nderlying (Core) Values	<u>S</u> piritual Gifts
<u>R</u> eoccurring Experiences	<u>E</u> xtra Resources
<u>P</u> ersonality / Temperament	

2. God Uses Our Passions To Move Us Toward Our Purpose

- a) God Created Your Core Passions - Psalm 139:13
- b) God Stirs Up Your Core Passions, So That You Will Fulfill Your Purpose - Philippians 2:13

3. God Puts A Core Value Or “Treasure” In Each One Of Us, To Focus Our Passions On

Matthew 6:21, NIV – “*For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.*”

- A core value is a driving desire or priority, that God has placed inside of us to help us to know where to aim our life at.

4. How Can We Uncover Our Underlying (Core) Values?

- a) Using The Negative – What Things Really Anger You?
- b) Using The Positive – What Things Bring You Much Enjoyment?

GOOD NEWS – GOD WANTS US TO ENJOY OUR WORK!

1. We Are Called To Joyfully Work At Leaving An Inheritance

Ecclesiastes 3:22, NIV – “*So I saw that there is nothing better for a man than to enjoy his work, because that is his lot.*”

- “Enjoy” = “samach” (Hebrew) = rejoice in, be joyful in, be glad in
- ”Work” = “maaseh” (Hebrews) = deed, work, workmanship, accomplishments
- “Lot” = “cheleq” (Hebrew) – portion (of land), territory, inheritance

2. We Are To Enjoy And Reap Prosperity In The Work Of Our Calling

Ecclesiastes 5:18, NIV – “*Then I realized that it is good and proper for a man to eat and drink, and to find satisfaction in his toilsome labor under the sun during the few days of life God has given him -- for this is his lot.*”

- “Proper” = “yapheh” (Hebrew) = fair, appropriate, beautiful
- “Find satisfaction” = “tobah” (Hebrews) = welfare, benefit, good things, prosperity
- “Toilsome labour” = “amal” (Hebrew) = trouble, labor, toil, hardwork, mischief (playful fun)
- “Lot” = “cheleq” (Hebrew) – portion (of land), territory, inheritance

3. God Imparts Abilities Into Us So That We Are Empowered To Fulfill, With Joy, The Work We Are Called To Do

Ecclesiastes 5:19, NIV – “*Moreover, when God gives any man wealth and possessions, and enables him to enjoy them, to accept his lot and be happy in his work-- this is a gift of God.*”

- “Gives” = “nathan” (Hebrew) = gives, put in, sets in place, imparts, appoints, enables, entrusts
- “Wealth” = “nekes” (Hebrews) = riches, treasures, abundant resources
- “Enables” = “shalat” (Hebrews) = give the ability to master or exercise authority over, to gain mastery over or have dominion over
- “Enjoy” = “samach” (Hebrew) = rejoice in, be joyful in, be glad in
- “Accept” = “nasa” (Hebrew) = lift up, carry, take, bear, bring forth

- “Lot” = “cheleq” (Hebrew) = portion (of land), territory, inheritance
- “Toilsome labour” = “amal” (Hebrew) = trouble, labor, toil, hardwork, mischief (playful fun)
- “Gift” = “mattath” (Hebrews) = from “Nathan” (Hebrew) = gives, put in, sets in place, imparts, appoints, enables, entrusts

4. Our Purpose Is To Be Fulfilled Within A Certain Field Or Sphere Of Ministry Influence

2 Corinthians 10:13, NIV – “*We, however, will not boast beyond proper limits, but will confine our boasting to the field God has assigned to us, a field that reaches even to you.*”

- “Proper limits” = “metron” (Greek) = a measure, a size of influence
- “Field” = “kano_n” (Greek) = a place of ruling, a sphere of influence
- “Assigned” = “merizo” (Greek) = to divide up, to assign, to give a portion

PUTTING IT ALL TOGETHER

- Our core value is the target that we are called to aim at.
- Our core passions are the things that we love to do, that we will use to reach our target, and keep us motivated as we work toward it
- When our core passions and our core values connect, we will fulfill our purpose, and our purpose, is our mission in life.