

REFINING YOUR MISSION STATEMENT

1. Check The Individual Words

2. Check The Combination (Logic And Flow) Of The Words

Can you _____ (verb # 1,2,3) _____ (core value)?

3. Check The Authenticity Of The Words – Is It You? (Yes/No)

- Y/N Is it you? (ie. does it describe how you are)
Y/N Is it true? (ie. does it describe what is important to you)
Y/N Does it excite you?
Y/N Does it excite others? (Ask others who know you)
Y/N Would you be willing to have your life be about this and only this?
Y/N Can you do this at work?
Y/N Can you do this at home?
Y/N Can you do this at a party (ie. in a social setting)?
Y/N Can you do this by yourself (ie. alone)?
Y/N Can you confidently declare this as an accurate statement about yourself?

4. Check The Inspiration Level Of The Words

- Unsuccessful or inadequate mission statements are:
- Uninspiring.
 - For the benefit of one person or party only.
 - They are full of trite, “slogan”, or ordinary phrases which are spoken without any passion.

5. What If Your New Mission Statement Just Doesn't Seem To Describe You?

If you get too baffled, back totally up and ask "What is it I want to be about?" At this point you can usually say in a sentence or two what your heart is feeling. Listen carefully to yourself – slowly removing adjectives and phrases and listening only for verbs and nouns.

6. Print Out You Mission Statement And Post It In A Visible Spot

ENTERING INTO DESTINY

Part 6 – Refining My Mission Statement

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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. The Greatest Indicators Of Our Purpose Are Our God-Given Passions And Values

a) God Uses Our **Passions** To Keep Us Motivated As We Fulfill Our Purpose

- Philippians 2:13, NIV – “... *it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose.*”
- Our passions are ACTIONS ... those God-given activities that we love to do, and so keep us motivated as we fulfill our purpose.

b) God Uses Our **Underlying Values** To “Aim” At As We Fulfill Our Purpose

- Matthew 6:21, NIV – “*For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.*”
- Our underlying values are OBJECTS ... those God-given inner desires or priorities that we highly treasure, that become our “targets” that we are to aim at, as we fulfill our purpose.

3. Our Purpose Or Mission Is Determined When Our Passions “Intersect” Or Connect With Our Underlying Values

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.*”

Our field is our assigned realm or area of ministry.

5. Every Person Needs A Mission Statement Which Concisely Describes Our Purpose

- a) **Nehemiah** – Rebuilt The Walls Of Jerusalem - Nehemiah 2:5, NIV – “... send me to the city in Judah where my fathers are buried so that I can rebuild it.”
- b) **Paul** – Bring The Gospel To The Gentiles - Paul – 1 Timothy 2:7, NIV – “And for this purpose I was appointed a herald and an apostle ... and a teacher of the true faith to the Gentiles.”
- c) **Jesus** – To Give Life - Jesus - John 10:10, NASB – “... I came that they might have life, and might have it [more] abundantly.”

6. 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 under any circumstance

TEN ERRONEOUS ASSUMPTIONS ABOUT OUR “MISSION”

1. "My Job Is My Mission."

- A mission is always larger than a job.

2. “My Role Is My Mission."

- Your mission will never change, and is bigger than a temporary role.

3. "My 'To-Do' List (Or My Responsibilities) Is My Mission."

- Your mission is bigger than your present responsibilities.

4. "I Am Not Currently Able To Fulfill My Mission." – Eph. 3:20

- Often, making a few different choices each day, which are more in line with your mission, will allow you to fulfill your mission in life.

5. "I Am Not Important Enough To Have A Mission." – Rom. 14:7

- Every word we speak, every action we take, has an effect on others.

6. "My Mission Has To Be A Really Big One, Or Help A Lot Of People." – Zech. 4:10

- Small things to us, are often big things to God.

7. "A Mission Must Be Full Of Suffering" – Matt. 11:29-30

- You don't have to always suffer, to serve God.

8. "My Mission Must Be The Same As Those Of My Peers."

- Peer pressure can be damaging to your personal mission.

9. “My Location Determines My Mission – Geography Is Destiny.” – Acts 13:36

- Your Mission is to your generation, not to your geography

10. “What I Am Doing Is As Close As I Can Get To My Real Mission.”

- Often just small adjustments, will move you to where you need to be.

DETERMINING MY TARGET GROUP

- Below are some sample target groups. Choose the one that most appropriately describes who you want to serve, be around, and inspire. The words below are examples only, to help you. If your target group is not in this list, feel free to add it.

Abused	Actors	Adults	Animal(s)
Businessmen	Children	Deaf	Divorced
Dying	Elderly	Grieving	Handicapped
Homeless	Impoverished	Lonely	Men
Musicians	Newly married	Non-believers	People in general
Politicians	Race of people	Singers	Singles
Teachers	Teens	Women	Writers

MY TARGET GROUP

(the group/cause which most moves/excites you)

MY MISSION STATEMENT

(Name)

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_____, _____, and _____
(your three passions – your three action verbs)

(your core value – your one noun)

in, to, for, with or through
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