

Week 10: Writing your Personal Mission Statement

Congratulations on completing this study! Now it's time to apply the principles you have read about, and create your very own mission statement. A mission statement can help us focus, and live life with intention and conviction.

This will require a little introspection, which is always good when done prayerfully. Ask God to help you have fresh vision for your life!

This is your opportunity to THINK BIG about your future! I believe we get caught up in the day-to-day, and lose sight of why we do what we do. So, let's begin.

Consider your realm of influence. Let's **make a list of your roles**. Here are a few examples:

Wife	Christian
Mother	Teacher
Daughter	Small Group Leader
Sister	Employee
Friend	Athlete
Business Owner	Writer
Runner	Doctor, Nurse
Artist	Other

Now, **prioritize** those roles according to what is important to you. Don't order them according to the places of your greatest responsibility or reward, but rather based on what is most vital and important to you; where you want to succeed the MOST.

Next, we are going to **simplify**. Which roles are absolute? Which ones MUST you do? See if you can choose just five.

This is where it can get hard. We don't want to exclude anything, but we must. Our mission statement should not include everything we want to do. It's kind of like a map. If we stop in every single town along the way, we'll never reach our destination.

Your mission statement needs to be focused, so that when you're feeling scattered, you can rely on it to get you back on track.

What are you top five roles?

Your core?

1_____

2_____

3_____

4_____

5_____

Now, for each role above, pray and dream a little about the potential there. This is fun! Use descriptive words. Brainstorm together as a group, and find inspiration.

Use what you come up with to create action statements and faith images that give a face to your dreams. Every mission statement will be unique!

Here are a few examples, to help you.

"To know God and His Word, and to trust Him in everything, that His love for me may overflow into every aspect of my life. To shine God's light to my family, friends and neighbors, using my gifts and talents and interactions to always point back to Christ."

"To nurture my marriage and let it serve as a living example of respect and partnership. To embrace this season of my life as a blessing, while my children are young and I am still their whole world. To nurture their development into self-confident, capable, compassionate adults, and nurture myself in order to maintain my energy and enthusiasm."

"I want to be a life-giver everywhere I go, a light in the darkness and a voice of hope to the discouraged. I want to use my gift as an artist to inspire, comfort, and encourage. I want to continually view my creativity as an awesome gift from God."

"I will manage my time better, I will create a haven of peace in my home for my family, and I will begin the discipline of a daily quiet time. This is where I will invest my time and energies in this season. Every other habit in my life will take a back seat to this!"

"With the help of God and His people, I have overcome chronic illness. So I am passionate to share my story with all who will listen, and I am especially motivated to help my family live in total physical and emotional health. "

"I choose to live my life as a daughter of the Most High God, commissioned to bring His light to my surroundings. I will walk with a pure heart before my God, and serve Him first in all I do! I choose to invest my time and talents into people in this season of my life, the people that God sends across my path. I will live each day aware of God's supernaturally orchestrated encounters, and I will walk in the fruit of the spirit as it flows freely through me."

The final step is to believe in your statement.....live it and reinforce it often. Write it down where you will see it often, like in your Bible or journal. In time, you may find that your statement needs updating. It is a good idea to revisit your statement often and make changes or refinements as needed.

Ultimately, a personal mission statement will help inspire you to live a more fulfilling, conscious life. As the celebrated motivational speaker Zig Ziglar once said, "Outstanding people have one thing in common: An absolute sense of mission."