

# **PERSONAL LIFE MANDATE**

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## **BIBLICAL PURPOSE**

My Biblical Purpose is to live with abandon fulfilling the mandate God has given me. My mandate is to live in such a way as to exemplify and model Christ-likeness in all I think, say, and do. The hills I will die on include fidelity to my personal relationship with Christ and my loyalty and faithfulness to Him, faith as the saving grace of the Gospel in all its implications even if it takes me to uncomfortable places, family in striving to be and do what serves their best interests, and focus on God's purposes for my life in alignment with what He has called me to be and do. I seek to tune my heart to the heart of God and live accordingly. The Bible is my sole foundation and I submit to its authority for faith and practice. My objective is to model the character of Christ and leave a pleasing aroma in the nostrils of all who come within my sphere of influence.

## **LIFE PURPOSE**

My life purpose is to influence leaders and intentional followers directly and indirectly to live 'all-out' for Christ, to facilitate a process to determine how God has 'wired' them, to help them align their lives according to God's predetermined plans, to encourage them to become pro-active partners in God's purposes and redemptive activity and to exhort them to live a legacy worth leaving in the lives of others.

## **COMMITTED PASSION**

My committed passion is to help men and women realize their God-given potential in Christ and to develop to the fullest their God-given gifts, abilities and capacities for godly leadership from the inside out and within legitimate limitations such as temperament, aptitude and maturity. My primary sphere of influence will be leaders. My secondary context will be men and women who are searching for clarity regarding the purpose, focus and foundation for their life.

## **MAJOR ROLE CHARACTERISTICS**

The major role that will provide the platform for my life's purpose is one in which I'm allowed to focus my energies in investing in the lives of budding leaders in the process of becoming yet not arrived and malleable leaders who have the potential for greater purposes but do not have clarity or understanding on how to realize their full potential in Christ. This role will allow me to cultivate relationships with these leaders through the avenues of networking, teaching, writing and mentoring one-on-one, in small groups and workshop settings, and exposing these leaders to leadership development concepts, values, principles and practices. My spiritual gifts exercised in these settings find their primary application in the word cluster gifts including teaching, exhortation, and leadership. Less dominant, but observable, are the spiritual gifts of word of wisdom, discerning of spirits, and gifts of governments.

## **UNIQUE METHODOLOGIES**

My unique methodologies find their roots in essentially five major ministry insights that

have thematically repeated themselves over time in my ministry experience.

- Effective godly leadership flows from being, is a matter of the heart, is primarily character-centered and secondarily skill-centered. Skills are the tools of effective leadership; character is the power of effective leadership.
- Lasting behavioral change that brings glory to God begins with the heart in general and our core belief system in particular. Satan's battlefield has always been the heart. What we store in our hearts will evidence itself in our behavior. Our central beliefs establish our core values, our core values inform our worldview, our worldview conditions our motives, and our motives energize our behavior.
- Authentic spirituality is a prerequisite for godly leadership and is produced when we tune our lives to God's standards of excellence. Its vitality comes from living our lives for an 'Audience of One.'
- Effective godly leadership is developed over a lifetime, is exercised through our God-given passion and giftedness, finds its source and authority in God, is built on Biblical principles and values and is practiced in culturally sensitive ways.
- The only legacy worth leaving is the godly legacy we live out daily and leave in the lives of others. Legacy is the sweet smelling aroma that lingers in the lives of others long after we're gone from this earth.

These major ministry insights influence the cultivation of my network of relationships, the style of my teaching, the foci of my writing, and the emphases of my mentoring activities.

I intend to act faithfully through a commitment to acting in accordance with my core values, by leveraging my natural strengths, by finding appropriate expression for my personality temperament, and by exercising my leadership style in appropriate and life-giving ways.

I will exercise my mandate through my strengths which include learner, activator, achiever, input, belief, relator, responsibility, command, focus, self-assurance, and strategic.

I will also leverage my mandate through my personality temperament (introversion, intuitive, thinking, judging – INTJ) and my primary leadership style of passion and mission, my secondary leadership style of corporate and causal, and my team leadership style of tactical.

I will seek to live by my core values of devotion to God, a keeper of my promises, a seeker of Biblical truth, a loyal servant, a man of integrity, faithfulness to my family, a life-long learner, a Biblically-centered leader, one who submits to the authority of the Bible, one who is committed to responsible behavior, and a man of strength and honor.

Finally, I desire to use my acquired skills of Biblical understanding, strategic planning, organization, implementation, leadership, development, mentoring, discipling, communication, focused intensity, and spiritual guidance to further God's redemptive purposes in the world.

## ULTIMATE CONTRIBUTIONS

Although I am in the process of becoming, yet not having arrived, I believe at this time that my ultimate contributions could coalesce around mentor, saint, researcher, writer and stabilizer. I am beginning to see significant results as a mentor (a productive ministry with individuals and small groups), saint (a model life focused on leaving a godly legacy in the lives of others within my sphere of influence), researcher (new ideation regarding spiritual formation and leadership development), writer (capture and recording of ideas and concepts in written format that are relevant to spiritual and leadership development), and stabilizer (a person able to stabilize and maximize organizational objectives that coincide with my life's purpose and passion). My "end game" is to live and leave a legacy worth leaving in the lives of my family and the leaders I have the privilege to influence for the glory of God.