

Personal Mission Statement

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**Abstract**

The following is my personal mission statement. It lays out the specifics of what I hope to be remembered for and what I would like to be thought of as a person and as a leader. It explains who I have been in life and ministry in the past and who I hope to grow into in the future. This personal mission statement explains who and what is most important to me and shares my most valuable goals that are both personal and professional in nature.

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**How I want to be remembered**

I would like to be remembered as a Christian and as a compassionate leader, someone who loved God and the people in her life. I want to be remembered as someone who used the time she was given well. I would like to be remembered as a loving wife, mother, and church planting pastor's wife who cared for those whom she came into contact with as best she could. I hope to one day be remembered as an excellent counselor as well. Through the years, I have helped to start multiple ministries and churches with my husband. I have also lead Sunday School ministries and have been successful at recruiting, managing, and maintaining volunteers in various ministries. I took a great deal of pleasure from those endeavors and would like to be remembered as someone who did those things well.

**How I want people to describe me**

I would like to be described as someone who shows care, courage, love, kindness, emotional strength, and empathy to those in my life. I would like to be described as the kind of wise leader who does not waver depending on the circumstances surrounding me but stays steadfast in difficulty. I would like to be someone who is a leader who is not influenced by emotions in decision making. I would like to be described as wise and as someone who used that wisdom to serve Christ and His world well.

**Who I want to be**

I want to be who I currently am, but improved! I would like to grow in my faith and come to know Christ and His Word more deeply. I would like to become a woman of deeper prayer on behalf of needy people. I would like to complete my Bachelor's degree, and eventually my

Master's degree in Mental Health Counseling and to become a professional counselor one day. I want to help those that suffer with various struggles of mental illness. I would love to write stories, which is something that I have desired to do since I was very young. I have dreams for my future! While I have accomplished much in several decades of living, I do not want to fade out at this stage of life but would like to continue to grow. I would like to be effective for many years in the future, if the Lord wills. Though my most significant accomplishments may be in the past, such as raising four wonderful children while being married to a pastor for 30 years, and also helping my husband to start two churches in California that are near and dear to our hearts, I believe that there is much to look forward to in my future life and ministry. I desire to run the race well so as to win the prize. (I Corinthians 9:24).

#### **Those who matter most to me and my deepest values**

The people that matter most to me are my family. They are my husband, Andrew and my children, Timothy and his wife Katie, Sarah, Elizabeth, and James. They mean the world to me. But, first it is my Savior that is the One I love and follow. I also love the Christians who are in my life who are scattered around the globe. My children have grown now. They have lives of their own. So, I must put my focus on others through my current work as a guidance counselor at a private school and through the future work that I dream and hope to do.

My deepest values surround my Christian faith. I value what Christ did on the cross for me, a miserable sinner. I value the things that He values and calls me to live out in my life such as exercising love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. (Galatians 5:22). Also, since Christ calls me to love others as I love myself, that is what I seek to do. With this as my background and by His grace, as a leader I would like to employ the

values of practical wisdom and knowledge, courage, temperance or self-control, a sense of justice, and optimism about the future, integrity, humility, and compassion for others. (Johnson, 2018). My leadership style reflects my values in that I try to be an empathetic leader. I also enjoy training new leaders in ministries that I have been involved with. I tend to identify gifts and skills in others and take pleasure in helping people fulfill their callings in life and ministry.

### **How I define success in my life**

Success for me would be applying the above mentioned values in a consistent way in leadership through the church and in my work. Success for me would be to live as one who serves. Besides Christ, I also seek to serve my husband and work and live alongside him to help him carry out his calling to preach, teach, and lead. Success would also be having a chance to counsel people in need. In the past, my purpose was to mother and disciple four children and the friends that they brought into our home. Now that they are off in the world, I have had to re-organize my priorities in this stage of life.

My life is worth living because I live for Jesus! There is nothing more exciting or important that I could do with my life than to love Him and see my daily calling as one that helps further His Kingdom in the world and in the lives of those He brings along my path. It is exciting, though extremely challenging, to see where God calls me and to walk into those callings and to live faithfully. I would like to continue to help, encourage, and counsel those my husband and I serve in ministry. I seek to live well and to be purposeful in my leading and loving for Jesus' sake and for others as well.

### **References**

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