

Developing a Biblical Family Mission Statement Begin with the Goal in Mind

“Faith only trusts in advance what will only make sense in reverse.” (Phillip Yancey)

What is a biblical family mission statement?

A biblical family mission statement is a brief _____ statement that reflects biblical _____ and _____ for your family to _____ to the _____ and _____.

Why should we develop a biblical family mission statement?

Core

Vision

Statement

Ingredients of a biblical family mission statement:

With a vision of God’s goal(s) for you and your family in mind,

1. Make Christ the focal point.
2. Study appropriate Bible verses.
3. Ask the right questions.
4. Write out the statement. (Make it short, crystal clear, and reasonable)

Putting together a biblical family mission statement:

1. Get together as a family to study Bible passages to determine God-honoring, Christ-exalting values you sense are a real need to nurture in your family.

Focusing our Lives in General

- Verses: Joshua 24:15; Matt. 6:25-26, 33-34; James 1:22-27; 1 Cor. 10:31; Eph. 5:15-16; Gal. 2:20; 1 John 2:16-17
- Chapters: Psalm 1 & 63 & 119; Ecclesiastes 12

God’s Focus for Christians in General

- The Gospel: Mark 8:34-38; John 3:16; Acts 2:38; Ro. 3:23; 5:8; 6:23; 10:9-10; 1 Co. 15:3-6; 2 Pet. 3:9
- The Gospel leads to godliness: Eph. 1:3-14; 4:1,11-16, 17-24, 31-32
- Dealing with sin and worldliness: Ro. 12:1-2; Phil. 4:8-9; Col. 3:1-10; 12-17; Heb. 13:5-6; James 1:19-20; 1 Pet. 3:8-12
- Loving God and others: 2 Ki. 2:23-24; Matt. 22:37-40; 1 Pet. 2:17
- Great Commission: Matt. 28:18-20
- Church: Acts 2:42; Heb. 3:13; 10:24-25; 1 Thess. 5:11

- Prayer: Phil 4:6; 1 Thess. 5:17; 1 Pet. 5:7; James 5:16
- Bible: Joshua 1:8; Psalm 119:105; Matt. 4:4; 2 Co. 3:18; 2 Ti. 3:16-17

God's Expectations for the Family

- Deut. 6:4- 15; Eph. 5:21-6:4; Col. 3:18-25; 1 Pet. 3:1-7

2. Ask each other the right questions.

- What does God say our family should be focused on?
- What are God's purposes for our family?
- What is our responsibility toward God and toward each other?
- What are some godly virtues that you sense God is working on your family about?
- What kind of a family member (spouse, parent, child) does God want us to be? In 5 years? 10 years? 20 years? 30 years?
- What kind of a home does God want us to have to invite others to?
- How can we each fulfill our God-given roles toward God, each other, Christians, the lost?
- If you do _____ and focus on _____, in light of God's Word, will you regret that you focused too much on _____ and not enough on _____ ?
- If you do not do _____ and if you do not focus on _____, in light of God's Word, will you regret that you did not focus enough on this or that because, instead, you chose to focus on _____ ?

When God looks at you, what do you want him to be able to say about you and your family? That family is a family that _____?

3. Write your statement.

Examples

"To passionately know our God, and to love and please Him by living together in harmony, serving each other in humility, growing together in godliness, helping others with cheerfulness, and thereby, as a family, to provide a 'living advertisement' of Christlikeness for others in this generation and for our children in the generations to come."

"[We seek] to honor and serve God, others and ourselves by daily focusing daily on Christ. We will create a nurturing place of order, integrity, love, happiness, and relaxation. We will foster responsibility by teaching our children to love, learn, laugh and to work and develop their unique God-given talents."

"Our mission is to be devoted as a family, to living our lives as a Christian family, focusing on the teachings of Christ. We will work together to strengthen our community through our active involvement in charities and Christian outreach programs. We will set strong examples for our children and will raise them with the proper amounts of nurturing and discipline. We are committed to considering each other's feelings always and putting their needs above our own. We will give praise to the Lord each day for bringing us together."