

# Career Quest: Personal & Professional Missions



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# Workshop Objectives

- Use mission statements to
  - Provide guidance
  - Hone focus
  - Dovetail personal and professional lives



# Mission Statement: Definition

✦ "a summary describing the aims, values, and overall plan of an organization or individual." – Dictionary.com

✦ "A mission statement defines in a paragraph or so any entity's reason for existence. It embodies its philosophies, goals, ambitions and mores." – Missionstatements.com

# Mission Statement: CRC

- ✦ "To facilitate student career decision-making towards an optimal work environment fit through an integrated process of assessment, consultation, and values clarification from a Christian worldview."



# God's Purpose for You

- Ephesians 2:10

For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

- Proverbs 16:9

In his heart a man plans his course, but the LORD determines his steps.

- Psalms 37:23-24

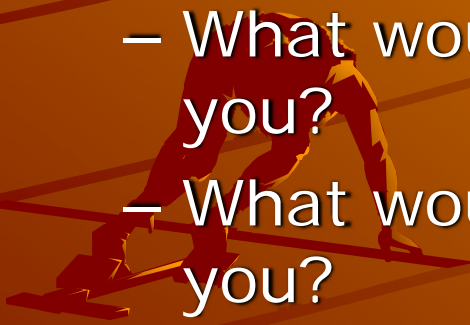
If the LORD delights in a man's way, he makes his steps firm; though he stumble, he will not fall, for the LORD upholds him with his hand.



# Looking back....

You are attending a funeral. There are lots of people there and various people have been selected to say something about the deceased. You find a seat and get comfortable then you realize you are the one who has passed away. They have all come to bid you farewell

- What would you want your family to say about you?
- What would you want your friends to say about you?
- What would you want your classmates to say about you?
- What would you want the members of your church to say about you?



# Personal Statement: Value

- ◆ Reference point – who you should be
- ◆ Maintaining Integrity – prevent undesirable compromising
- ◆ Compass – making choices that align with who you are and what you want to accomplish
- ◆ "Your personal mission statement declares how you perceive life and your role in it." (www.cvtips.com)

# Developing a Personal Mission Statement

1. Identify your past successes/personal victories
2. Identify your core values: attributes that you believe identify who you are and what your priorities are
3. Identify contributions: the ways you could make a difference in your spheres of influence
4. Identify your goals, short term (up to 3 years), medium term (between 3-5 years), long term (5 years or more)
5. Write your mission statement, reword, rewrite, review until it is a true representation of what your purpose in life is
6. Evaluate and review your mission statement periodically and adjust it accordingly



# Examples of Personal Mission Statements

Personal, from [www.missionstatements.com](http://www.missionstatements.com):

“My mission is to make a difference in the lives of others by sharing my life experiences and knowledge about diabetes.”

-Marianne Szeto

“I, Jerry Soto Jr., will live everyday with Integrity and vow to consistently make a positive difference in the lives of others utilizing my knowledge for the good of all people.”

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“I want to be part of God's plan of what He is doing on earth, and I want to bring Him glory.”

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# How long do I have?

You go in to see your doctor for a routine checkup. Your ear has been bothering you for a few days and the doctor orders some further tests to be done. You end up having to do all these tests on your head and the specialist informs you that he has some bad news for you. You have a growth in your head that will get progressively bigger and you only have 3 months at most to live.

- What would your reaction be?
- What will you do during the 3 months?
- Who will you spend your time with?

# Professional Statement: Value

- ✦ A ruler – which jobs/careers fit?
- ✦ A marketing tool – represents your goals; easy to see if they match company goals
- ✦ "Your career statement helps you to identify what your role in the career field will be. The career statement should be focused on your main goal." (www.cvtips.com)

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## *Examples of Professional Mission Statements*

Professional, from [www.cvtips.com](http://www.cvtips.com):

My career mission is to develop into an outstanding person in my work and to contribute to the understanding of left-handedness in education.

My career mission is to become the first women CEO of Software Engineering Inc. and to build a network of companies related to this field, which will contribute to the development and wide spread usage of the company's software packages.

My career mission is to develop a product that will revolutionize the way that windscreens are repaired.





# Take Home Points

- ✦ Make your mission statements relevant to YOU; get feedback
- ✦ Mission statements can be used in any area of your life (family, ministry, school, etc...)
- ✦ Your mission statement is a work in progress – review periodically

# Questions/Comments



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