

Personal Vision Statements

Examples in Leadership

“The soul never thinks
without a picture.”

Aristotle

“They be blind leaders of the
blind, and if the blind lead the
blind, both shall fall into the
ditch.”

Matt. 15:14

Examples of visionary leadership

- In groups of four, please study the person on your sheet of paper.
- What was their vision
- How did they accomplish their vision
- What were the outcomes of their vision

We cannot lead others if we do
not understand where we
ourselves are going!

Where are you heading?
What do you want to be doing
in 10 years?

Mission vs. Vision

- Mission statements describe why you are here.

- Vision statements describe what you hope to become.

Why write a personal vision statement?

- It can help you succeed
- It can lead to a more satisfied life
- It can help you get the most out of relationships and experiences
- It serves as a focus for prioritizing activities
- It can propel you to reach your dreams

What is a personal vision statement?

- What you want to be and do
- What you want to think and know
- Who you want to be associated with
- The impact you want to have on your family
- The impact you want to have on society
- A visual picture of what you hope to be in the future

Five Components of a Vision Statement:

- It attracts commitment and is energizing
- It creates meaning in a persons life
- It establishes a standard of excellence
- It bridges the present to the future
- It transcends the status quo

Example of a personal vision statement:

- I am more physically fit, almost finished with my formal education, actively involved in two close personal relationships, worshipping and serving God regularly, having fun every day and making at least 75% as much money as now doing work that I love.

Please complete exercise #1

- Things I really enjoy doing
- What brings me happiness/joy
- The two best moments of my past week
- Three things I'd do if I won the lottery
- Issues or causes I care deeply about
- Most important values
- Things I can do at the Good-to-excellent level
- What I'd like to stop doing or do as little as possible

Exercise #2

- Based on my personal research, these are the main things that motivate me/bring me joy and satisfaction
- My greatest strengths/abilities/traits/things I do best:
- At least two things I can start doing/more often that use my strengths and bring me joy:
- This is my personal vision statement (50 words or less)

Assignment

- Take quiet time to think over your personal vision statement
- Come tomorrow ready to share your statement with your small group