Defining My Life's Mission My Life Mission - Part 5

Step 4: Prayerfully establish a life mission statement that expresses my values, SHAPE and commitment to God's purpose for my life.

Two examples of purpose-driven lives:

- John 17:4 "I have brought you glory on earth by completing the work you gave me to do." Jesus
- Acts 20:24 "However, I consider my life worth nothing to me, if only I may finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus gave me..." Paul

What is a life mission statement?

A description of what I believe God wants me to do with my life.

- 1. It is more than a goal.
- 2. It defines success for me.
- 3. It is based on God's purpose for me.
- 4. It expresses my SHAPE.
- 5. It clarifies my roles in life.

How do I discover my life mission?

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- **Ephesians 5:17** "Don't act thoughtlessly, but try to understand what the Lord wants you to do."

Key Questions That Unlock the Door to Discovering Your Four-Life Purposes

1. What will be the _____ of your life?

•	God says:	He made you to
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Matthew 22:37-38 "Jesus replied, 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest command."

Proverbs 9:10 "Knowledge of the Holy One results in understanding."

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- I Samuel 16:7 "The Lord does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."
- God says: He made you to _____ Christ.
- **Romans 8:29 (NLT)** "For God knew his people in advance, and he chose them to become like his Son..."
- Philippians 2:5 "Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus."
- Galatians 5:22-23 "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control."
- 3. What will be the ______ of your life?
- God says: He made me to use my ______ to help others.

I Peter 4:10 "Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms."

- Galatians 2:7 (NLT) "They saw that God had given me the responsibility of preaching the Good News to the Gentiles, just as he had given Peter the responsibility of preaching to the Jews."
- **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."

Two types of people in life:

live life selfishly
live life unselfishly
of your life?

- 1._____
- **II Timothy 4:2** "Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage with great patience and careful instruction."
- 2. _____
- **II Corinthians 10:5** "We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ."
- 3. _____
- **I John 1:3a** "We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us."
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- I Corinthians 9:22 "To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all men so that by all possible means I might save some."
- 5. _____
- Luke 14:23 "Then the master told his servant, "Go out to the roads and country lanes and make them come in, so that my house will be full."

6. _____

Matthew 5:16 "In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven."

God says: He wants you to ______ about Him.

Two types of messages that will be spoken through you:

- 1. _____ Message
- Acts 20:24 "But my life is worth nothing unless I use it for doing the work assigned by the Lord Jesus the work of telling others the Good News about God's wonderful kindness and love."

2.		Message
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II Corinthians 10:13 (NLT) "Our goal is to stay within the boundaries of God's plan for us..."

Life Mission Assessment Sheet

If I could do anything for God and knew it would not fail based on my SHAPE what would I do?

Life Mission Statement

I. The **CENTER** of my life is to know and love God. How and when will this be exemplified in my life? What are the habits I have to have to demonstrate that Jesus is the center of my life? Examples: Daily Bible reading, daily prayer, weekly worship at church, Christian fellowship through a small group, mentoring someone, serving in ministry, tithing, witnessing to someone once a month by inviting them to dinner and sharing with them.

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II. The **CHARACTER** of my life is to become like Christ. How will this be exemplified in my life? Examples: Showing sacrificial love to others, working in unity with other believers, taking big steps of faith for God, living a life of obedience, controlling my tongue, handling correction wisely, caring enough to confront, serving in humility, living a life filled with God's peace and joy.

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III. The **CONTRIBUTION** of my life is to use my SHAPE to help others. How will this be exemplified in my life? Examples: By preaching the gospel, by teaching a high school Bible study, by playing my guitar to help lead worship, by planning churchwide fun events, by visiting those sick in the hospital, by training people to find jobs, by facilitating a Christian 12 step program, etc... Think creatively; think outside of the box.

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- IV. The COMMUNICATION of my life is to share the message of Jesus Christ. How will this be exemplified in my life?
 Examples: Confrontational Style, Intellectual Style, Testimonial Style, Interpersonal Style, Invitational Style, or Serving Style.
- 1. _____
- 2. _____

You must realize that to have a successful life mission you must keep Christ in the **CENTER** of your life, live out the **CHARACTER** of Christ, and fully understand your personal **CONTRIBUTION** and style of **COMMUNICATION**.

Now write out your personal life mission statement (What you believe God is calling you to do with your life):

For Example: Pastor Jimmy's Life Mission Statement: To equip and encourage people to develop an intimate relationship with God and to become ministers of God's love to the world.

My Life Mission Statement

• Memorize your mission statement.