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Welcome to a journey where you will discover the heart of God for people and cities. We are going to discover where each of us fits into the story of Jesus. What we do with life is important to God. Sometimes our contribution feels small, but the sum total of everyone's contribution changes the world. God created you unique, by discovering your "who you are", you will be able to easily determine where and how you can live out your purpose on earth.

DAILY DEVOTIONS 1 - KINGDOM

Jesus came to establish a new Kingdom on earth.
A Kingdom where Jesus reigns as king.

Ps 103:19

The Lord has established his throne in heaven, and his kingdom rules over all.

With Jesus' coming, He came to establish His kingdom and also to take back dominion. Through this He came to restore the deterioration of the effect of the fall.

1 Cor 15:24

24 Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. 25 For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet.

Jesus came to establish God's will and way on earth.
It is about Jesus who rules:

- Over every heart
- Over every environment
- To realign everything that is not aligned with His rule, His will and way

The story of the Kingdom of God begins with Jesus.

Heb 1:3

The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.

Jesus came to demonstrate to us what a Kingdom life looks like. Now He rules as the king of the Kingdom with the responsibility of establishing God's will on earth.

Jesus came to:

- Demonstrate (His time on earth)
- Bring about (His death and resurrection)
- Settle on earth (He is the king who reigns)...

the Kingdom of God.

Col 1:15-18

15 The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. 16 For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. 17 He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. 18 And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy.

Kingdom is good news!

Mark 1:15

“The time has come,” he said. “The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!”

When we apply God's principles of life in our marriage, workplace and environment, it brings true life. People then also experience God's goodness in their lives.

Luk 10:8-9

8 When you enter a town and are welcomed, eat what is offered to you. 9 Heal the sick who are there and tell them, “The kingdom of God has come near to you.”

The application of God's Kingdom principles brings true life into our world.

Matt 13:31-32

31 He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. 32 Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches.”

DAILY DEVOTIONS 2 - A FAMILY ON MISSION

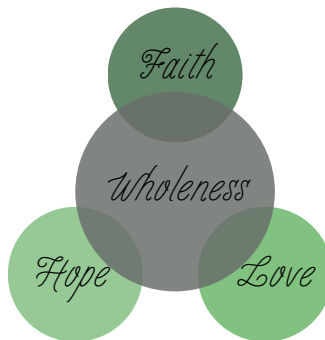
John 17:18

In the same way that you gave me a mission in the world, I give them a mission in the world.

The church is a family on a mission. Every person must grow to become a City Changer. It means taking up his responsibility in God's Kingdom. People must be converted, grow spiritually and take up their role to bring transformation in cities.

The church is on a mission with a mandate to make an impact in our world. Each of us are part of this mission.

Our responsibility involves addressing the "*Spiritual Lostness, Social Pain and Systemic Brokenness*" of our cities, through "FAITH, LOVE and HOPE".



When we apply the following it brings wholeness into our world:

- Faith that reaches the lost
- Love that heals the pain
- Hope that restores what is broken

If our primary focus is only on building the church, our impact will be minimal. We should rather look with a Kingdom lens, rather than just building a church.

What is the difference?

- The building of a church only focuses on the message of salvation and the care of people.
- Against the message of the Kingdom that brings hope to our world. Restoration is for people as well as the world.

We then become disciples of Jesus who are on a mission to bring wholeness into our world.

After the fall, evil entered the world.

The result was:

- Twisted values
- Poor management
- Sinful habits

Jesus restores what has fallen.

Col 1:20

And through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

Everything was made for God and by God. Our task is to reconcile everything with God. To restore and bring life where the world is broken.

Paul refers to everything. In other words: every person, family, work, environment and nature.

Everything must be made new. The good news is for all.

DAILY DEVOTIONS 3 - FAITH THAT REACHES THE LOST

Every person who begins to follow Jesus, experiences true life. In this way, Jesus' Kingdom expands every time someone gives their life to Him.

A person's values will not change unless they have become a follower of Jesus.

That is why our first step as "City Changers" is to tell people the good news of the gospel.

Then to disciple them to also become a "City Changer".

This assignment to help people to become followers of Jesus was given to all "City Changers" and we must take responsibility for it.

Jesus gives us the following assignment:

Matt 28:18-19

18 Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

What can you do?

- Pray for your friend.
- Tell stories about where Jesus is involved in your life.
- If there is a passion in your heart about "*faith to reach the lost*", use the Alpha course as a process to help people to start following Jesus.

DAILY DEVOTIONS 4 - LOVE THAT HEALS THE PAIN

Love in action

1 John 3:18-19

My children, love must not be a matter of words or talk; it must be genuine, and show itself in action. This is how we may know that we belong to the realm of truth

Caring for people who are going through hardship is part of our responsibility. Especially reaching out to people who are struggling.

This includes:

- People trapped in poverty, orphans, widows.
- People who have ended up in a life or emotional crisis as a result of illness, circumstances or emotional problems.

Love does not expect anything in return, it gives unconditionally where there is need.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. makes the following statement:

"We must discover the power of love, the redemptive power of love. And when we do that, we will make of this old world a new world, for love is the only way."

It seems impossible to address the pain in the world, but through the power of love it is possible. Love is God's supernatural power. It is Himself in action and can touch every pain.

Matt 5:16

Keep open house; be generous with your lives. By opening up to others, you'll prompt people to open up with God, this generous Father in heaven.

We can see a city change through love in action.

A generous life means helping others through my time, my talents and my money.

By living a life of giving, I empower others.

Every person who makes themselves available for one person in need, can make the world a better place.

Love takes us to move from "concern" for our community, (*where we only notice the pain*), to "compassion".

It takes you to the place where we ask the question:
"What can I do about it?"

DAILY DEVOTIONS 5 - HOPE THAT RESTORES WHAT IS BROKEN

To see a city change, we need the deeper-lying reason for the pain to be addressed.

We have to ask the question: "*What causes the "systemic brokenness" in our city?*"

What role can I take to transform the following environments:

- My family
- My workplace
- The 8 spheres of society (*Church, business, art, media, social services, sports, education, government*)

The Lord calls us as His church to bring wholeness to our broken world.

Eph 1:25

The church is Christ's body, in which he speaks and acts, by which he fills everything with his presence.

Every time we let "FAITH, LOVE AND HOPE" flow through us, we fill everything with Jesus' presence.

Jer 29:7 ESV

But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

Instead of speaking negatively about our city or country:

- Let's speak life
- Let's teach people Kingdom principles
- Let's reign and put plans in place that change environments

God's plan from the beginning was that we should bring hope into our world.

We learn in Genesis how to live out hope in our world.

Gen 1:28

God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground."

Rule:

Bring good organization, leadership, management, strategy and solutions into an environment.

Subdue:

We bring Jesus' blueprint plan, his values and principles into an environment.

His will and way in that environment.



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DAILY DEVOTIONS 1 - GOD'S STORY IS OUR STORY

Everything was created for Jesus. Our life does not primarily revolve around our successes, but a life dedicated to Jesus.

Paul writes about our created purpose.

He writes that we were created by God, for God.

Col 1:16

For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him.

If we were created for Him, we must dedicate our lives to Him.

Romans 12:1

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.

We are challenged to say "yes" to Him and sign up to be part of His story. We are called by God for his purpose, to be part of His plan.

I cannot discover my purpose without seeing myself in His story. Therefore, it does not always mean that when you are successful, you are necessarily living out your purpose on earth.

When we discover our purpose in God's Kingdom plan and begin to live it out, our life becomes a life of worship to the Lord. Worship becomes a way of life.

2 Thess 1:11

With this in mind, we constantly pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling, and that by his power he may bring to fruition your every desire for goodness and your every deed prompted by faith.
12 We pray this so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

The difference Jesus makes through you, will touch many people's lives and they will praise the Lord for it.

2 Cor 9:15

Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, others will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else.

DAILY DEVOTIONS 2- GOD 'S PRESENCE

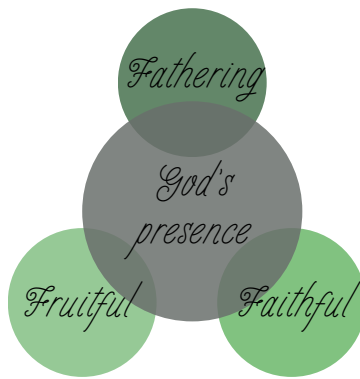
Eph 1:22-25

22 And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, 23 which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

Eph 4:10

He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe.

God wants to fill the earth with His presence.
And in that way establish His Kingdom on earth.



We can express his presence through a:

- *FATHERING* presence - A burdened heart.
- *FAITHFUL* presence - The character of Christ in the world.
- *FRUITFUL* presence - The actions of Christ in the world.

The story of God begins in our own lives, where our own life is changed by Him.

- We receive love
- We receive forgiveness
- We receive hope

Fathering presence

And from Jesus who touched our lives, our lives then become a stream to other people.

We start to discover God's heart for others.

We call this "*Fathering presence*".

2 Cor 3:18

And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

Jesus is love. In our relationship with Him, we receive His love every day.

This means that we pick up His heart and live it out.

The example of service was lived by Jesus. He had a servant's heart and gave His all for His fellow man. His life is an inspiration for man to live a life of servanthood.

Through Jesus we learn that "mine" becomes "yours", "receive" becomes "give" and "ruler" becomes "servant." We should be guided to change from a life that revolves around ourself, to someone who gets involved in a community and notices and addresses the needs of others.

It is this heart of Jesus that inspires us to serve others.

The purpose why we were created revolves around the principle: *"giving is more important than receiving"*.

We must realize that the reason for our existence is not only about ourselves, but also about serving others.

Matt 20:26

Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, 27 and whoever wants to be first must be your slave. 28 just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

Eph 2:10

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

A servant's attitude moves from self-focused to other-focused. Through that, my heart aligns with God's heart. We move from apologetic thinking to creative thinking to live out God's presence on earth.

Faithful presence

Our life consists of different roles.

We are part of a family, circle of friends and work environment. It is in these spaces that we can serve others through our way of life. Our character shows them who Jesus is.

Our life is not in compartments, where our normal life and ministry life are separated from each other. Our everyday life is in the service of the Lord.

Only by living with a different attitude do we express Jesus.

Examples of this type of attitude are:

- Selfishness versus servanthood
- Irritated versus patient
- Negative versus positive

This way your life becomes a diary of Jesus that people can read.

Such a way of living contributes to the fact that your friends will ask you:

"How do you manage to live with such an attitude?"

It then becomes the ideal opportunity to tell them your story of how Jesus helps you in your daily life.

DAILY DEVOTIONS 3 - FRUITFUL PRESENCE

How can we give expression to God's presence in our everyday lives?

We should be committed in our lives to serve other people. By making an effort to live out love, truth and honesty in the world, we are busy serving.

We must often ask ourselves the question:

"How can I help others with whom I come in contact with?"

We should make a difference in the world.

We should not only be people who speak and know about the problems of the world and judge others, but we should address the issues of the world by getting practically involved. We must realize that by making a contribution, we can make a difference. Everyone's contribution is valuable. Don't think your contribution won't make a difference. On the contrary; if everyone does a little, then a team makes a big difference.

We can take action in two ways to give practical expression to God's presence.

- Our everyday life
- Our unique calling for a season

Our everyday life

Our everyday life becomes a ministry to others.

- We become more encouraging to our children and friends
- We can be the intercessor at work
- In our cell group we allow the gifts to flow eg:
 - Wisdom and insight (Giving good advice)
 - Prophecy (Encouraging and motivating)
 - Teaching (Helping each other to grow spiritually)

When we get up in the morning, our first prayer should be: *“Lord, here I am! Use me and send me.”*

This will help us be more aware of opportunities.

We try and find people who are in need. Where there are challenges in environments. We take action in those spaces and make Jesus' presence tangible.

Our unique calling for a season

We also live intentionally to serve families, workplaces, our church community and friends with Jesus' presence.

1 Pet 4:8-9

8 Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. 9 Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling.

We each have a unique contribution that we can make to establish God's Kingdom on earth.

If we had to ask you the question? *“If you had 1 hour a week to make a difference, where would you make it?”*

What is your unique contribution in the Kingdom of God? This contribution brings the church into action. It can be *in or through* the church.

In the church

I become part of the program to help people get healing, be cared for, disciple them and discover their role in the kingdom of God.

Through the church

I am sent to:

- Take love where there is pain in our city
- Take hope where there is brokenness in families
- To make an impact in the 8 spheres of society

(Church, business, government, art, sport, media, welfare and education)

1 Pet 4:10-11

10 Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. 11 If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever.

In week 3 and 4 we will specifically focus on helping you discover your unique place.

DAILY DEVOTIONS 4 - OUR UNIQUE CALLING

Most people ask the question: "*How do I live purposefully?*"

We wrestle with:

- Our identity - Who am I?
- Importance - Do I matter?
- Impact - What is my role on earth?

You will find the answers in:

- Your identity in Jesus. (*Fathering Presence*)
- In a life of worship, where your life is focused on worshiping God. (*Fathering Presence*)
- What is my character: Is Jesus' character expressed through my life? (*Faithful Presence*)
- What is my contribution in life? (*Fruitful Presence*)

Don't compare yourself to others and discover your specific role on earth.

Everything that I am was made unique by God for a time like this.

We as human beings are unique in our experiences and background. We have unique needs, callings, passions and talents. That is why it is important that we discover it, so that we can get involved in the area where we can live it out meaningfully.

Eph 2:10

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

How did God create you?

We are each unique in ourselves. We should not just engage in any place of service, but we should engage according to our unique personality, talents, passion, values and life purpose.

We have unique inner values at the core (*inner self*) of our humanity that should be discovered and lived out. We are all made differently and have been shaped by different circumstances and experiences.

Rom 9:20-21

20 But who are you, a human being, to talk back to God? "Shall what is formed say to the one who formed it, 'Why did you make me like this?'" 21 Does not the potter have the right to make out of the same lump of clay some pottery for special purposes and some for common use?

See it as a play in theatre. Everyone has a role to play. When we each play our unique role, the story of each scene is portrayed.

Jesus is the director and He knows best where we fit into His plan.

DAILY DEVOTIONS 5 - DISCOVER YOUR UNIQUENESS

Our contribution helps to make the world a better place. This is about our legacy to other people and the environment.

Covey says the following:

"The need to leave a legacy is our spiritual need to have a sense of meaning, purpose, personal congruence and contribution."

Before we can determine what we should do, we must first discover who we are?

Dave Lomas underlines the following important lesson:

"Before God tells us what to do, He tells us who we are."

Discover who you are in Christ and then ask where you can express yourself.

You have to discover the "real you".

1 Cor 12:12,18

12 Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ.

18 But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be.

You are uniquely made God shaped you from birth in a specific way. Yes, even from before your birth, God has already begun to shape you in a specific way. We differ in who we are, as well as the circumstances that shaped us.

Rick Warren refers to:

Before architects design any new building they first ask, "What will be its purpose?" How will it be used?"

The intended function always determines the form of the building.

Before God created you, He decided what role He wanted you to play on earth. He planned exactly how He wanted you to serve Him, and then He shaped you for those tasks. You are the way you are because you were made for a specific ministry. Each of us is uniquely created by God to fill a specific role that He has destined for us. God has planned every day of our lives to support his forming process.

Ps 139:16-17

16 Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be. 17 How precious to me are your thoughts, God! How vast is the sum of them!

Meaning of life

Our meaning in life is discovered in our unique purpose.

The reason for meaning should therefore also be discovered and not created. We should not look for an abstract meaning in life. Everyone should seek their own specific assignments and mission in life, which should be carried out in order to experience fulfilment.

The harder one seeks and concentrates on experiencing happiness, the more it is hindered. If our only goal is to experience happiness, we easily miss it.

The reason for happiness should be discovered. Only the clarification of our unique needs and life mission, which should lead to a life of meaning and significance, will bring happiness. So we are not only looking for happiness, but for its root cause. If found, happiness comes naturally. We need to discover in which area we experience the most meaningfulness and where we fit in best.



We are challenged to say "yes"

to Him and sign up to be part of His story.



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DAILY DEVOTIONS 1- JOURNEY OF DISCOVERY

Are you ready to go on a journey to discover yourself in God's plan for your life?

If God wants to use you in an area, He will equip you with everything you need for that task.

In man's inner "I", lies his deepest personal identity.

Helminika says the following: *"Human spiritual capacity expresses itself in awareness, insight, understanding, judgment, decision, and self-determination."*

We also have the ability to become aware of who we are, to reflect on ourselves and to understand the inner 'self'. Based on introspection, you gain knowledge of your inner "I" and from this knowledge, judgments can be formed and decisions made.

We are going to focus on three areas to discover ourselves:

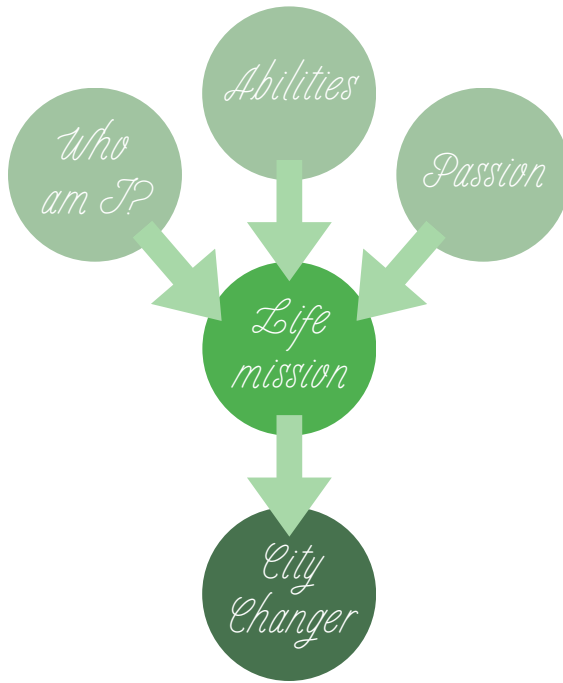
- Who am I - *What is my personality?*
- Passion - *What do I like?*
- Ability - *What am I good at?*

It will help me to write a life mission for myself,

- so that I can live it
- experience meaningfulness and
- take up my responsibility in God's Kingdom.

Based on my life mission, I can write a City Changers goal for myself.

Paul writes a lot about his own introspection and how he discovered himself.



DAILY DEVOTIONS 2 - LIFE EXPERIENCE

Prov 4:15

Hold on to instruction, do not let it go;
guard it well, for it is your life.

By looking back on your life, you will learn many things about yourself.

The role of our life experience should not be underestimated.

Our life consists of various life experiences.

- You will discover what skills you have learned and also what things you are not good at.
- You will discover what you are passionate about. What makes you laugh or cry.
- You will discover more of who you are.

Paul wrote a lot about his experience.

Paul's experiences:

• *His spiritual experiences*

- Witness Stephen's stoning (Acts 8:1)
- Conversion on the road to Damascus (Acts 9:1-20)
- 3 years of spiritual growth in Arabia (Gal 1:18)
- Special vision (2 Cor 12:2-7)

• *His painful and traumatic experiences*

2 Cor 11:23-27

23 Are they servants of Christ? (I am out of my mind to talk like this.) I am more. I have worked much harder, been in prison more frequently, been flogged more severely, and been exposed to death again and again.

24 Five times I received from the Jews the forty lashes minus one. 25 Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was pelted with stones, three times I was shipwrecked,

I spent a night and a day in the open sea,

26 I have been constantly on the move. I have been in danger from rivers, in danger from bandits, in danger from my fellow Jews, in danger from Gentiles; in danger in the city, in danger in the country, in danger at sea; and in danger from false believers.

27 I have labored and toiled and have often gone without sleep; I have known hunger and thirst and have often gone without food; I have been cold and naked.

2 Cor 12:7

Or because of these surpassingly great revelations.

Therefore, in order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me.

• *Paul's educational experiences*

Acts 22:3

I am a Jew, born in Tarsus of Cilicia, but brought up in this city. I studied under Gamaliel and was thoroughly trained in the law of our ancestors. I was just as zealous for God as any of you are today.

• *Paul's ministry experiences*

If you read through the book of Acts you will discover how much Paul writes about his ministry experience.

You can discover a lot about yourself from your experiences.

- By looking back at the past, we can learn what we liked and disliked.
- What knowledge we have gained through, for example, trainings and work experience.
- You can ask yourself questions about what your reaction was in certain circumstances in which you found yourself. In this way, the past can be a mirror in which you can get to know yourself.

Rom 8:28

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

Phil 1:12

Now I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that what has happened to me has actually served to advance the gospel.

From our life experiences, one can teach oneself to determine which community task you will fit into.

Looking back:

- What did you like and dislike?
- What skills have you learned that you can apply?
- What have you learned about yourself (*Who you are*)?

ACTIVITY

Think about the following experiences and answer them to yourself:

1. Family experiences: What did you learn while growing up in your family?

What did you like and dislike?

What skills have you learned that you can apply?

What have you learned about yourself (*Who you are*)?

2. Educational experience: What was your favourite subject in school? What education did you have?

What did you like and dislike?

What skills have you learned that you can apply?

What have you learned about yourself (*Who you are*)?

3. Work experience: What type of work did you enjoy the most and were you most effective at?

What did you like and dislike?

What skills have you learned that you can apply?

What have you learned about yourself (Who you are)?

4. Spiritual experiences: What was your most meaningful experience in the church?

What did you like and dislike?

What skills have you learned that you can apply?

What have you learned about yourself (Who you are)?

5. What ministry experiences have I had?

What did you like and dislike?

What skills have you learned that you can apply?

What have you learned about yourself (Who you are)?

6. Painful experiences: What problems, hurtful moments, obstacles have you learned from?

2 Cor 1:4-6

4 I always thank my God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. 5 For in him you have been enriched in every way with all kinds of speech and with all knowledge 6 God thus confirming our testimony about Christ among you.

What skills have you learned that you can apply?

What have you learned from your experiences?

What did you like and dislike?

What have you learned about yourself (Who you are)?

DAILY DEVOTIONS 3 – PASSION FOR LIFE

One of the important qualities of someone who wants to make a success of what he or she undertakes is passion. We should have a heart for what we believe in, get excited about and what we do. We should listen to, and respond to, our inner voice and our passion that guides us to the tasks of life.

2 Cor 5:14

For Christ's love compels us.

2 Cor 9:2

For I know your eagerness to help, and I have been boasting about it to the Macedonians, telling them that since last year you in Achaia were ready to give; and your enthusiasm has stirred most of them to action.

*"In the same way, God has given each of us a unique emotional "heartbeat" that races when we think about the subjects, activities, or circumstances that interest us. We instinctively care about some things and not about others. These are clues as to where you should be serving."
(The Purpose Driven Life, By Rick Warren)*

Paul's passion

We can see Paul's passion clearly in what he writes about himself.

Rom 15:20

It has always been my ambition to preach the gospel where Christ was not known, so that I would not be building on someone else's foundation.

Acts 20:24

However, I consider my life worth nothing to me; my only aim is to finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the good news of God’s grace.

God has a reason why He has given man certain interests. Our emotional heartbeat is a very important key to understanding God's plan and intentions for our life.

1 Tim 3:1

The Bible refers to people having a passion to do community service in a certain area. Here is a trustworthy saying: Whoever aspires to be an overseer desires a noble task.

God will place in your heart a desire to do certain things, and to rather stay away from certain things.

We can also describe passion as the desires or goals that give you joy. There are things in life that don't bother you much and other things that excite you. It tells something about your heart.

Examples:

- If this problem is solved the world will be a better place.
- If I can only help people to grow in marriage.
- If I can only work with children, I will be the happiest.

Your passion can be expressed in:

- What my role is (*What I like to do*)
- A passion for a certain group of people (*Who do you want to help*)
- A passion for a certain cause (*What do you want to change*)

Discover the direction in which your heart leads you.

The list of "heart's desires" given below is intended to help you articulate your passions.

Remember: There are more desires than are mentioned here.

Write down your 3 heart desires that best describe you.

My heart's desire is to.....

- *Design/developing things* - I like to make something out of nothing. I like to start something from nothing.
- *To do pioneering work* - I like to test and apply new concepts. I'm not afraid to take risks.
- *To organize* - I like to order things and create order out of chaos. I like to organize things that already exist.
- *To do maintenance* - I like to maintain things that are already organized.
- *To serve/help* - I like to help others with their responsibilities. I love helping others to be successful.
- *To assemble/own* - I like to buy, collect and acquire things. I like to get the best quality for the best price.
- *To excel* - I like to be the best and to make my team the best. I like to set high standards and achieve them.
- *To influence* - I like to convince people to accept my point of view. I like to shape another person's life attitude and behaviour patterns.
- *To act* - I like to perform on stage and get attention from people. I like to be the centre of attention.
- *To improve* - I like to make things better. I like to make something better than another person designed.
- *To repair* - I like to fix what's broken and update things that are out of date.

- *To lead/be in command* - I like to lead the way and set the direction. I like to determine how things should be done.
- *To be persistent* - I like to see things come to completion. I like to keep going until a case is settled.
- *To follow the rules* - I like to act according to procedures and policies. I like to meet the expectations of my organization or bosses.
- *To win* - I like to fight for what is right. I love to triumph over injustice.
- *To take care of* - I like to help and care for other people in need.

Have you discovered the basic motivational desire of your heart? Also give the reason why you identify a certain heart's desire in your life.

Feel free to also write down the desires that are not mentioned here. Transfer it to your mission profile.

Write 3 passions that excite you and transfer them to your life mission profile. (*See table on page*)

When you are on your deathbed, what would you regret? I regret that I did not...

My passion: I get excited about....

People	Children	Teens	Young Adults	Students	Men	Women
Church	Discipleship	Group Life	Children's Ministry	Worship	Seniors	Training
	Leadership	Technical	Hosting		Counselling (Life Centre)	Events
Personal well-being	Caring	Counselling (Life Centre)	Mentorship			
Families	Families/ Marriages	Parenthood	Divorces	Fatherlessness	Single Parents	
Business/ workplace	Financial Management	Business Leaders Principals Mentorship	Leadership Development Mentorship	Entrepreneurship Mentorship		
Community						
Education	Pre-school Training	School Management	Teacher and Principals Support	Tutor program		
Government	Leadership Development	Community Safety	Farming and Food Security	Clean up the City	City Maintenance	
Sport	Health and Fitness	Coaching	Sport Interest Group			
Media	Social Media Support	Video Support	Technical Support			
Art	Art Exhibitions	Art in the Community	Art Therapy	Visual Arts	Drama & Dance	Music
Social Involvement	Homelessness	Life Skills	Skills Development	Unemployment	Drug and Alcohol Addictions Support	Children's Homes

DAILY DEVOTIONS 4 - VALUES

Personal values are our own private individual knowledge about what is important to us. Values shape our deepest needs.

To discover yourself, it is necessary to get in touch with your deepest values:

"If you participated seriously in this visualization experience, you touched for a moment some of your deep, fundamental values. You established brief contact with that inner guidance system at the heart of your circle of influence." - Covey.

We will be guided by our inner values and principles regarding our task, mission and goals for the future.

Values can be divided into two categories.

- First of all, it deals with general values that are meaningful and important to humans. This includes aspects such as family, car and money.
- The second category of values is considered the real values. The question that can be asked here is:
"Why is something that is important to me, valuable?"

The reason why a house is valuable to someone can be because of the land value of security. Our basic values are not superficial values, but are based in a deeper dimension of the human being.

Values indicate what is important to us, and what we should do in order to fulfil our need for meaning. Every human being has values at the core (*inner self*) of his humanity.

Inner peace will be experienced if what is truly valuable is discovered, and something concrete is done in this regard. If goals are set that are not in line with personal values, success will probably be achieved, but inner happiness will not be experienced. We will engage in many activities but not really be productive.

ACTIVITY

Mark the 5 most important values and character traits for you in order from 1 to 5.

<p>Loyalty</p> <p>Spirituality</p> <p>Humility</p> <p>Compassion</p> <p>Honesty</p> <p>Kindness</p> <p>Integrity</p>	<p>Selflessness</p> <p>Determination</p> <p>Generosity</p> <p>Courage</p> <p>Tolerance</p> <p>Trustworthiness</p> <p>Equanimity</p>	<p>Appreciation</p> <p>Empathy</p> <p>Toughness</p> <p>Self-Reliance</p> <p>Attentiveness</p> <p>Altruism</p>
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What do you learn from this activity?

Write it down and transfer it to your life mission profile.

DAILY DEVOTIONS 5- PERSONALITY

Another characteristic that determines the uniqueness of man is personality. People's personalities differ from each other based on three influences, heredity, environment, situation. It shapes your personality.

- Heredity refers to the fact that some of the person's personality can be genetically inherited from their parents or grandparents.

- The environment in which man found himself made a further contribution to shaping his personality. Culture, norms of families, social groups and other experiences play an important role.
- The situation you find yourself in helps you shape your personality. The personality should be taken into account, before a specific ministry is lived out.

Certain ministries require specific skills and personalities. The person's personality will help him/her fit in better and perform better in certain tasks.

Paul's personality

Gal 1:13-14

For you have heard of my previous way of life in Judaism, how intensely I persecuted the church of God and tried to destroy it. I was advancing in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people and was extremely zealous for the traditions of my fathers.

Your personality will help determine where to use your spiritual gifts and abilities.

For example:

You can have the gift of an evangelist, but the "introvert" and "extrovert" will have different approaches to how they live out the gift.

You must live out your ministry within the context of your personality.

DISC behaviour survey

While the DISC personality assessment helps understand behaviour, it's a starting point, not a label. It shows tendencies that can change over time. Think of it as a flexible snapshot of your behaviour at this point in time, not a box. It gives a snapshot of an individual's preferences, not a definitive personality diagnosis.

These preferences can also evolve over time due to life experiences and personal growth.

Focus on the 4 words in each horizontal line and mark which best describes you.

How to fill in: Put a 4, 3, 2, AND 1 on each horizontal line where 4 describes you the best and 1 describes you the least. Use each number only 1x in each line.

Then add up the numbers from each vertical column. The one with the most points indicates your strongest personality.

DOMINANT		INFLUENCING		STEADINESS		COMPLIANT	
Forceful		Lively		Modest		Tactful	
Aggressive		Emotional		Accommodating		Consistent	
Direct		Animated		Agreeable		Accurate	
Tough		People-oriented		Gentle		Perfectionist	
Daring		Impulsive		Kind		Cautious	
Competitive		Expressive		Supportive		Precise	
Risk taker		Talkative		Patient		Factual	
Argumentative		Fun-loving		Gentle		Logical	
Bold		Spontaneous		Stable		Organized	
Take charge		Optimistic		Peaceful		Conscientious	
Candid		Cheerful		Loyal		Serious	
Independent		Enthusiastic		Good listener		High standards	
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DOMINANT	INFLUENCING	STEADINESS	COMPLIANT
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Task focus, They ask: “What”	People Focus They ask people’s input	People Focus They ask: “Why”	Task Focus The ask: “How”
Work toward achieving goals, and results; they think big picture; they function best in an active, challenging environment. This aspect describes those who are highly resourceful, enjoy challenging tasks, and can be direct, demanding and outspoken.	Work toward relating to people through verbal persuasion and influencing their environment; they function best in friendly, favourable, environment. They are great at encouraging and motivating others to take action. They are naturally creative problem solvers who can think outside of the box.	Work toward supporting and cooperating with others; they make good team players due to their cooperative nature and function best in supportive, harmonious environment. The steadiness trait examines the sincerity and stability of their character. They are also good at multi-tasking and seeing tasks through until completion.	Work toward doing things right, focus on detail and problem solving; they function best in a structured, orderly environment. Measuring a high level of independence and objectiveness, this trait also demonstrates those who are risk-averse.

Summarise what you have learned about yourself by filling in the questionnaire above:



In man's inner "I",

lies his deepest personal identity.



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DAILY DEVOTIONS 1 - ABILITY

Whenever God gives you responsibility, He also gives you the ability to meet that responsibility.

Your abilities are natural talents that God built into you.

One of the most common excuses why people do not get involved in ministry is "*I have no abilities*".

However, this is untrue. The key is to combine your abilities with the right ministry!

God has a place in His church where your specialties can shine, and you can make a difference. It's up to you to find that place. What I'm able to do, God wants me to do.

You are the only person on earth who can use your abilities. No one else can play your role, because they don't have the unique shape that God has given you. The Bible says that God equips you "with all you need for doing His will." To discover God's will for your life, you should seriously examine what you are good at doing and what you're not good at doing.

(The Purpose Driven Life, By Rick Warren)

The Bible reminds us to use our talents for a task.

Ex 31:5

...and I have filled him with the Spirit of God, with wisdom, with understanding, with knowledge and with all kinds of skill.

Rom 12:5

For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you.

Activity

Instructions: Circle the abilities that best describe you below. If none of the words on the list fit you, feel free to add your own on the "other" line.

1. *Entertaining ability*: To perform, act, speak, sing
2. *Recruiting ability*: to enlist and motivate people to get involved
3. *Interview ability*: to discover who others are really like
4. *Researching ability*: to read, gather information, collect data
5. *Artistic ability*: to create or design
6. *Graphics ability*: to lay out, design, create visual displays or banners
7. *Evaluating ability*: to analyse data and draw conclusions
8. *Planning ability*: to strategize, design and organize programs and events
9. *Managing ability*: to supervise people to accomplish a task or event and coordinate the details
10. *Counselling/Encouraging ability*: to listen, encourage and guide with sensitivity
11. *Athletic ability*: to coach or participate in a sport
12. *Teaching ability*: to explain, train, demonstrate, tutor
13. *Writing ability*: to write articles, letters, books
14. *Linguistic ability*: to speak and write in one or more languages
15. *Editing ability*: to proofread or rewrite
16. *Promoting ability*: to advertise or promote events and activities
17. *Repairing ability*: to fix, restore, maintain
18. *Feeding ability*: to create meals for large or small groups
19. *Recall ability*: to remember or recall names and faces
20. *Mechanical operating ability*: to operate equipment, tools or machinery

21. *Hobby related ability*: to work with your hands in the following areas

- ‡ Canning
- ‡ Knitting/Crocheting
- ‡ Woodworking
- ‡ Cooking
- ‡ Gardening
- ‡ Furniture Construction/Repair
- ‡ Sewing
- ‡ Other _____

22. *Technical ability*: to operate/repair equipment in the following area(s)

- ‡ Recording Studio
- ‡ PowerPoint
- ‡ Audio/Technical Support
- ‡ Video
- ‡ Artist/Technician
- ‡ Lighting Technician
- ‡ Information Systems (Web)
- ‡ Media/Tape
- ‡ Set Up/Tear Down
- ‡ Other _____

23. *Resourceful ability*: to search out and find inexpensive materials or resources needed

24. *Counting ability*: to work with numbers, data or money

25. *Classifying ability*: to systematize and file books, data, records and materials so they can be retrieved easily

26. *Public Relations ability*: to handle complaints and unhappy people with care and maturity

27. *Welcoming ability*: to convey warmth, develop rapport, make others feel comfortable

28. *Musical ability*: to sing or play a musical instrument

29. *Landscaping ability*: to do gardening and work with plants

30. *Decorating ability*: to beautify a setting for a special event

31. *Other*: _____

Write down your 5 abilities that best describe you and transfer them to your mission profile.

DAILY DEVOTIONS 2 - SPIRITUAL GIFTS

1 Tim 2:7

And for this purpose I was appointed a herald and an apostle—I am telling the truth, I am not lying—and a true and faithful teacher of the Gentile

The Bible does not only refer to our abilities, but also emphasizes the gifts we have received from the Lord.

God wants to use normal people in the supernatural. When the Holy Spirit becomes involved in our lives, we move into a new dimension beyond our own potential.

Acts 1:8

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

1 Cor 1:25-30

25 For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength. 26 Brothers and sisters, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. 27 But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. 28

God chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are, 29 so that no one may boast before him. 30 It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption.

Truths concerning spiritual gifts

- The purpose of spiritual gifts is to serve.

It is not given for my benefit, but for the service of others.

1 Pet 4:10

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.

1 Cor 12:7

Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.

Gal 5:22-25

Don't confuse gifts with fruit.

"Fruit" shows my maturity and character.

"Gifts" shows my ministry.

- Do not envy the gifts of others either.

The Holy Spirit has a unique plan for you.

1 Cor 12:21

Do not think that your gift makes you superior to others.

- Realize that using your gift without love is useless!

1 Cor 13:1-5

If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

DAILY DEVOTIONS 3 - WHAT IS YOUR GIFTS?

It is a special ability, which is given by the Holy Spirit to every believer upon being filled with the Holy Spirit to serve others and thus build up the body of Christ.

When we refer to spiritual gifts, they fall into three categories: spiritual-, ministry- and leadership gifts.

Paul refers to it that we have assignments (activities) as believers in our congregations and environments. The Holy Spirit empowers us to do the activities.

1 Cor: 12:4-6

4 There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. 5 There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. 6 There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.

Paul refers to 2 categories of gifts in Corinthians.

- Spiritual gifts - 1 Cor 12 7-12
- Ministry Gifts - Romans 12:3-8; 1 Peter 4:10,11

These gifts are at the service of the activities that work in and through a congregation.

- Leadership gifts are the third category.

In Ephesians 4 he brings in a third category, namely equipping people in their ministries.

We call it "Hero Makers".

Eph 4:11-12

11 So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, 12 to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up.

Spiritual gifts

There are gifts that the Holy Spirit give us to use within a given assignment or situation.

In that moment He empowers us to act above our own potential.

All nine gifts can work through us. For example:

- When I drink coffee with a friend
- In the moment I have to give advise to my child
- During my business meeting

1 Cor 12:7

Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.

- You receive wisdom and insight to solve a problem or work out a new strategy.
- You receive a word of prophecy to encourage someone.
- You receive a gift of teaching to help someone grow in a certain area of their life.

Gifts of inspiration:

- **Prophecy**
- **Speaking in tongues**
- **Interpretation of tongues**

Gifts of power:

- **Faith**
- **Miracles**
- **Healing**

Gifts of revelation:

- **Word of knowledge**
- **Word of wisdom**
- **Discernment of spirits**

DAILY DEVOTIONS 4 - MINISTRY GIFTS

The Lord has given you abilities and talents and He wants to make the abilities stronger and use them effectively in His Kingdom through the Holy Spirit.

Rom 12: 6-8

6 We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophecy in accordance with your faith; 7 if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; 8 if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

Paul teaches us to use our abilities that God has given us within his kingdom.

Here are the four main categories into which our ministry gifts fall:

- Development of people
- Caring for people
- Support
- Leadership and organization

Development of people

(Evangelist, Prophet and Teacher)

- *Evangelist* - The ability to convey the Good News of Jesus Christ to unbelievers in a non-confrontational way. The ability to see opportunities to share Christ and lead people to faith in Him.
 - Examples: Alpha course

- *Prophecy* – It is the ability to convincingly proclaim God's will. The ability to communicate God's Word in an inspired way in public, so that unbelievers are convinced and believers are encouraged and uplifted.
- *Teacher* - The ability to teach God's people, by making the Bible's truths understandable and applying them in everyday life. Focus on walking a path with people and helping them grow or get restoration.
 - Examples: discipleship, group life, facilitating courses.

Caring for people (Shepherd)

Support and care ministries.

Example: counsellor, hospital visits and group life

- *Serve* - The ability to see needs in the body of Christ and take initiative, by providing practical assistance to alleviate the need.
- *Encourage* - The ability to motivate God's people to apply biblical principles in their lives, especially when they are discouraged and their faith is weak. It is the ability to bring out the best in others, and to encourage them to develop to their full potential.
- *Mercy* - The ability to distinguish grief and empathize with those who suffer in the body. The ability to offer support with compassion and compassion to those experiencing crises and pain.
- *Intercession* - The ability to pray for the needs of other believers, on a regular basis as well as for extended periods of time. The ability to persevere in prayer and not to be discouraged until the answer comes. Col 1:9-12

- *Hospitality* - The ability to make others, and especially strangers, feel welcome, at home and comfortable in the church family. The ability to coordinate factors that bring about "fellowship". (1 Peter 4:9-11)

Support

The ability to use your talents such as administration, music and technical and thus serve the congregation

- To use your talents to be part of the worship or drama team.
- To help with the sound.
- To help with decor and communion.
- Help with the administration of a ministry.
- In the background, be a helper of the children's ministry.

Leadership and organization

(We will work through this in the next session.)

The ability to take on a project, help create structure and provide guidance to make it work.

- Leading a project.
- Take responsibility for a process.
- Taking leadership over leaders.
- Training people

<p>My abilities</p> <p>Write down your 5 abilities that best describes you</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	<p>Which one of the following three gifts best matches your abilities.</p> <p>(Motivate your answer)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of people • Caring for people • Servanthood <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
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DAILY DEVOTIONS 5 - LEADERSHIP GIFTS

We can live out our gifts in a support role, where I only form part of a ministry and give support within that ministry. Or in a leadership role which we will discuss further.

Leadership gifts – “Hero maker”

2 Tim 2:2

Trust the truths that you have heard from me before many witnesses to trustworthy people who are able to pass them on to others.

The process looks like this:

- I teach and show you.
- You teach it to people you trust.
- They pass it on to others.

The Lord calls people with the responsibility to equip others for their work of service.

Eph 4:11-12

11 He gave some as apostles, others as prophets, others as evangelists, and others as shepherds and teachers, 12 to equip God's people for their work of service. Their work is to build up Christ's body.

God raises up leaders in a congregation to equip others for their work of service.

This involves:

To create structures within where people can serve.

Apostles

- To break open territory and create new areas of ministry.
- The ability to start a ministry and manage their development.

The prophet

- To create the vision about the direction of the congregation or ministry.
- To equip people for service work. (Hero maker)

Evangelists

- Training people to develop the ability to convey the Good News of Jesus Christ to non-believers in a non-confrontational way.
- The ability to see opportunities to share Christ and lead people to faith in Him.

Shepherds

- The training of people to take care of the spiritual needs of a group of believers and to equip them for their service.
- The ability to lead a small group of people to spiritual maturity and to accept responsibility for their welfare.

Teacher

- The ability to educate God's people, by being able to make the Bible's truths understandable and apply them in everyday life.
- It is also the ability to equip and train believers for ministry.

I see myself in a (Motivate your answer)

Support role: _____

Leadership role: _____



Whenever God gives you responsibility,

He also gives you the ability to meet that responsibility.



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DAILY DEVOTIONS 1 & 2 - YOUR LIFE MISSION PROFILE

You are now going to use everything you have discovered about yourself to help you write a life mission, as well as to discover a place of ministry.

Write down all the information you discovered on the next page.

Discover your “unique you”, with all the things you have learned about yourself.

My passion

What passions have I discovered from my experiences?

What passions have I discovered from my heart's desires?

What group of people would I want to spend my time with?

What cause am I passionate about?

Which three values stood out to me?

What character traits do I want to be known for?

Personality

What have you learned about yourself from your DISC profile?

Abilities

What three abilities stood out to me?

Gifts

Which one or two of the gifts' main categories best fit your abilities.

- Development of people
- Care for people
- Support

I see myself in the following role:

- Support role
- Leadership role

If someone were to speak at your funeral one day, what would you want them to say about you?

How would you introduce yourself if you were not allowed to use your profession?
How would you describe yourself?

With all the discoveries you made about yourself.
Draw a symbol that represents you (Tree, Eagle, Clouds, House etc.)
What will it be and what captions will you write with it?



Explain what you have drawn and why?

Now write a life mission for yourself

A personal mission statement is a concise, inspirational, and realistic statement that describes your intentions, values, and commitment to living up to those values. It should be clear, engaging, and easy to memorize and repeat. A good mission statement should be one or two sentences long and include three things:

- Your skills and abilities
- Your personality traits
- Your values, dreams, and passions

Examples:

At the end of my life, I want to look back and know that I have left a legacy for the world and my family. To achieve this, my mission will always be to give more to the world than I take, so that I leave the world better. I will leave behind a legacy of kindness and a spirit of service and community.

My mission is to empower the people around me, including my colleagues at work, my friends, and my family. By empowering others, I can bring out the best in my community, and leave my community a better place.

I will always strive to empower myself and others through positive affirmation, constructive feedback, and making smart choices. I will respect people's choices in life.

I will dedicate my time to mentoring and guiding others. By sharing my wisdom and experiences, I can help others navigate their own journeys, and leave a legacy of kindness and service.

Write your life mission here:

DAILY DEVOTIONS 3 - INVOLVEMENT IN THE CONGREGATION

In the care and teaching side of a congregation, you will have the opportunity to *mentor or be a facilitator*.

Your personality and abilities will also determine how many people you have the chance to serve.

Are you going to play more of a mentor role or a facilitator?

That's why we ask the 1/ 3/ 12 question.

- Jesus preached to crowds.
- He spent time with his 12 disciples.
- Other times he spent time with his 3 closest disciples.
- And sometimes Jesus ministered to people 1 to 1.

Examples of mentor and facilitator opportunities:

The mentor - (1 or 3 people)

Many people prefer to take on the role of a mentor.

- You can walk a path of spiritual growth with someone (Discipleship)
- Personal growth in terms of life skills (Business people, marriage)
- Counselling, where you help people in their crisis (Soulcare, Hospital visit)

The facilitator - 12

In the first church people already gathered in small groups. In homes and synagogues.

The facilitator leads bigger groups of people.

Today, facilitators play a major role in the structure of the church.

- The anchor of caring, men's and women's groups' are the facilitator.
- Many of the courses are built around facilitators who show the video material and encourage conversations.

You don't always have to present the material, but rather just encourage conversations.

Ask the question: "*Am I a Facilitator or a Mentor?*"

DAILY DEVOTIONS 4 - WHAT DOES THE MINISTRY LOOK LIKE IN OUR CONGREGATION.

I must live out my PRIMARY MINISTRY in the area in which I have a gift.

My SECONDARY MINISTRY involves serving in the area in which I am needed. Especially the ministry on Sundays.

My Personality and gifts can also determine where I get involved.

Here are the four main categories into which our ministry gifts fall:

- Development of people
- Care of people
- Support
- Leadership and organization

Choose the ministry that best matches your gifts and what you are most passionate about.

Study all the ministries on campus and choose the one that best fits your talents.

DAILY DEVOTIONS 5 - CITY CHANGER GOAL

We must now weave your mission statement into the strategy of the church.

Where can I live out my passion, abilities within the plan of the Lord, in His church.

The "Why and How".

You must understand the "*why*" - The reason and heart behind your ministry.

You need to know "how" you want to do it - The strategy you want to follow.

Step one – "The why"

1. Determine who, where or what ministry you would want to get involved in.

Our passions help us determine who or where I want to help:

- Who (*group of people*)

Young people, married couples, business people, new converts, unemployed people, senior people

- Which cause

Families, Media, Sports, Government, Education, Arts Business.

- I want to help (*who*) married couples.
- I want to help (*who*) new converts.
- I want to (*where*) get involved in the "Life-Centre".
- I want (*where*) to help the businesses.

2. What do you want to achieve?

Your passion and values also help you discover what you want to achieve.

- I want to help (*who*) married couples to have (*what do you want to achieve*) happy marriages.
- I want to help (*who*) new converts to (*what do you want to achieve*) understand their identity in Christ.
- I want to serve (*where*) at the Life Centre to (*what do you want to achieve*) help people come to terms with their past
- I want to (*where*) help the businesses to (*what do you want to achieve*) apply kingdom principles in their work environment

Step two - How do you want to achieve it?

Your personality, gifts and abilities are going to help you determine how you want to do it and what process you want to use.

- I want to help (*who*) married couples to have (*what do you want to achieve*) happy marriages by facilitating a marriage process at my home.
- I want to help (*who*) married couples to have (*what do you want to achieve*) happy marriages by getting involved in a group and helping them with the admin.

Remember, it is always good to have a deadline.

Why?

I want to - *What case and who?*

to - *What do you want to achieve?*

How?

by - *How do you want to do it?*

Write your own City Changers goal.

I want to _____

to _____

by _____

See examples:

- *I want to:* help broken people (*to*) get well (*by*) going with the hospital team to take care of them.
- *I want to:* help the congregation (*to*) worship God (*by*) serving on the worship team.
- *I want to:* get involved in the unemployment issue in Diepsloot (*to*) help one person per family get a job (*by*) facilitating an entrepreneurship course.
- *I want to:* help businesses (*to*) apply kingdom principles (*by*) mentoring people with the Lifework leadership course.
- *I want to:* help men take their place in their families (*by*) facilitating a men's group.
- *I want to:* serve in the children's ministry (*to*) make the facilitators' work easier (*by*) helping in the background with the admin and organization of the morning.

How much time do you have available?

There is a lot of power when we start putting talents and time together.

What would it look like if each of us made 2 hours a week, every other week or once a month available to make a difference.

It does not take great ability; it takes great availability for God to make an impact with your life! Rick Warren

When the Lord sends you, it is necessary to adjust your diary so that you set aside time to get involved in the cause He has called you for.

Serving people make themselves available and are prepared to say "Yes" if the Lord sends them.

Much like a soldier, a servant must always be ready for duty:

2 Tim 2:4

No soldier in active service entangles himself in the affairs of everyday life, so that he may please the one who enlisted him.

We must also set aside time in our diaries where we give time for our ministry, the place where the Lord wants to use you in the season of your life.

Acts 20:24

However, I consider my life worth nothing to me; my only aim is to finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the good news of God’s grace.

Become part of the City Changers Movement

Here you make 2 hours available to serve God's kingdom.

Your 2 hours can be in your:

- Primary ministry during the week or Sundays and or
- Your secondary ministry (the place where you do service work on a Sunday or an outreach)

I can give 2 hours for my primary ministry or secondary ministry on a Sunday.

- Per week
- Every 2nd week
- 1x per month

Choose how much time you have available?

Time available: (2 hours)

Per week / Every 2nd week / Every month)



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