



MY MISSION STATEMENT

My Life Mission Statement

Writing out your family mission statement should not be a complicated process; you will probably be able to get a good head start on it at the first attempt. Make sure it has validity for your family, and revisit it numerous times over the next several months. Our goal is that you would have a complete working mission statement penned in the next several hours.

On the following pages you will find some thoughtful exercises to help you get started on this process.

Remember, this statement need not be very long. As a matter of fact, the shorter it can be and still be complete, the better tool it will be in helping you to make choices between good things, better things and the best things in your family's life.

Life List: Adventure

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Life List: Verses

- 1. 2 Timothy 1:7 Phrase no spirit of fear
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Life List: Personal Goals

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Ministry Life List

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Life List: Goals for Spouse

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Life List: Goals for Children

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Top Ten Lists

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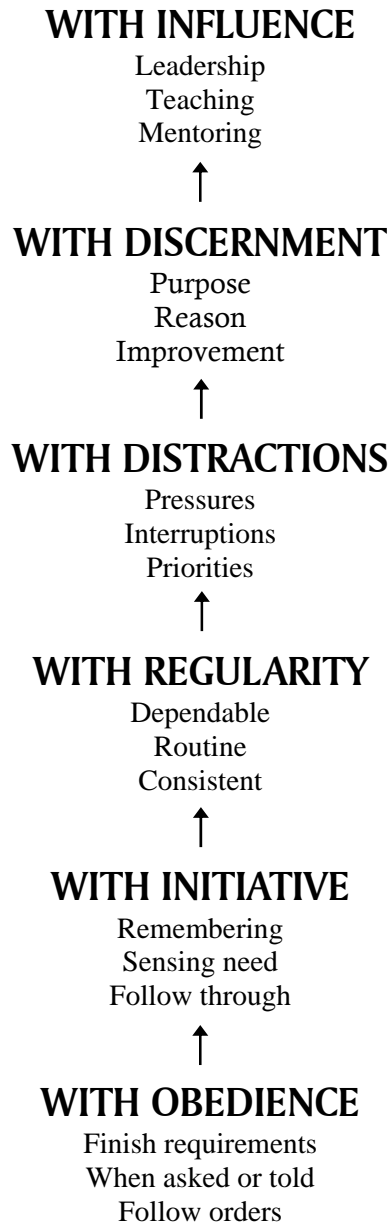
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Levels of Responsibility



There is a bottom up movement here, moving from just doing the job as asked to the other end of the spectrum of engaging the mind and acting with discernment and leadership.

1. Can this be taught?
2. Can this be learned?
3. How can it be observed in others?

Luke 16:10-12—He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much. If therefore ye have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches? And if ye have not been faithful in that which is another man's, who shall give you that which is your own?

Chindians

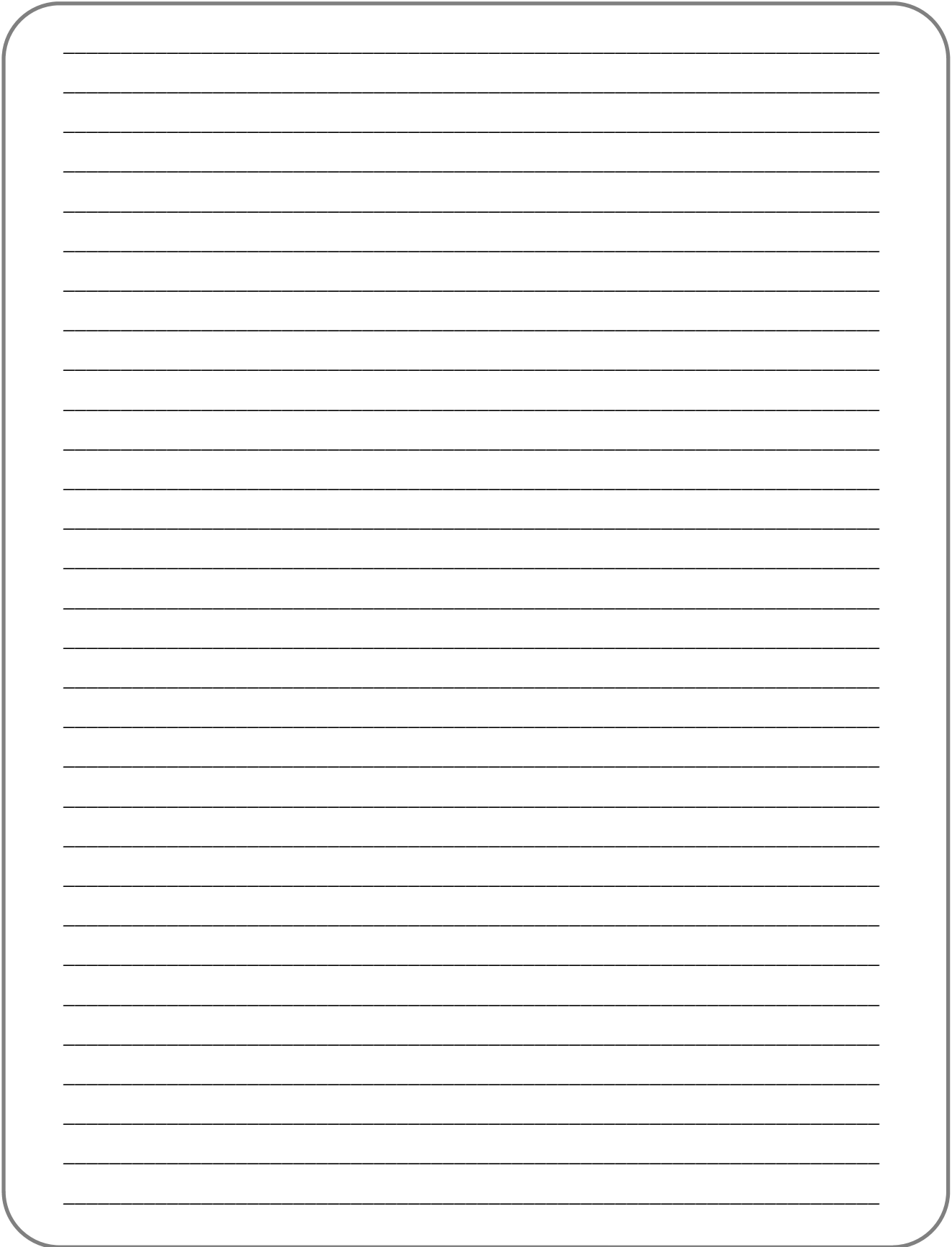
Chindians—Chief + Indians = Chindians, leader who are sometimes Indians and sometimes a chief. They are team leaders moving in and out of leading and following

What makes a perfect “Chindian”

1. Communication—outside and inside
 - a. Task
 - b. Priority
 - c. Goals
 - d. Fit—how our team is a part of the whole, focus on overall purpose
 - e. Interaction with others
 - 1) Listen
 - 2) Talk
2. Flexibility
3. Know needs of team, ask questions
4. No little tribes forming within the whole—no one team better than another, we are all on the same team.
5. Teaching and training
6. Humility—window/mirror
 - a. Faithful in little areas=opportunity of responsibility in larger areas
 - b. Pride creates little tribes within bigger tribes
7. Know people and understand differences

Our Family History

Outline or list the basic facts and history of your family life. How has God created and dealt with your family?



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Spiritual Milestones and Decisions in Our Lives

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| A. Salvation by Faith | His | Yes/No | If yes, when? _____ |
| | Hers | Yes/No | If yes, when? _____ |
| B. Believer's Baptism | His | Yes/No | If yes, when? _____ |
| | Hers | Yes/No | If yes, when? _____ |
| C. Church Membership | His | Yes/No | If yes, when? _____ |
| | Hers | Yes/No | If yes, when? _____ |

D. Other Spiritual Decisions I Have Made

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

E. How have the following things influenced me?

Family _____

Church _____

Friends _____

Role Model _____

Teachers/Preachers _____

Other _____

God Has Created in Me Certain Heart Desires

What Are They?

*Delight thyself also in the LORD;
and He shall give thee the desires of thine heart.
Commit thy way unto the LORD;
trust also in Him; and He shall bring it to pass.
Psalm 37:4-5*

I'd like to be . . . _____

I'd like to do . . . _____

I'd be materially content if . . . _____

Unborn to Time

Your cannot control the length of your life,
But you can the width and the breadth,
And the place you obtain in those quiet halls of fame,
That position is yours to decide,
And the trail that you blaze in life's rugged hills
Can be broad and easy to find,
And the height you reach, inspire others to climb,
Those generations yet unborn to time.

You cannot steal back from a day that is spent
Idle words or one single deed;
They are posted at night on the billboard of time,
For others who follow to read,
Nor can you dictate what history will write,
Be it maimed or be it sublime,
But what's written of you will have an effect,
On those generations yet unborn to time.

Did the world get a bargain the day you were born?
Or has your life to others brought shame,
Do you ponder the fact how the folks will react,
When descendants of yours speak your name,
Will the ink of your life stand bold, or fade out,
As history appraises the lines,
Is there untarnished value in what you bequeath,
To those generations yet unborn to time?

--*Author unknown*

It has been said that the advertising industry plans each billboard with the guideline that the average person driving by can only read seven words. If the billboard of your life contained only seven words and those words contained the essence of your life (the legacy you have left behind "for others who follow to read"), what would you want those seven words to be? List them out on the billboard below. Use pencil and don't be afraid to change them as you think about it over time.

The Billboard of My Life

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| 3. | 7. |
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Is there untarnished, eternal value in those words?
What do these words say about your life now?

Knowing Ourselves

Our Talents

His _____

Hers _____

Our Strengths

His _____

Hers _____

What Makes Us Unique

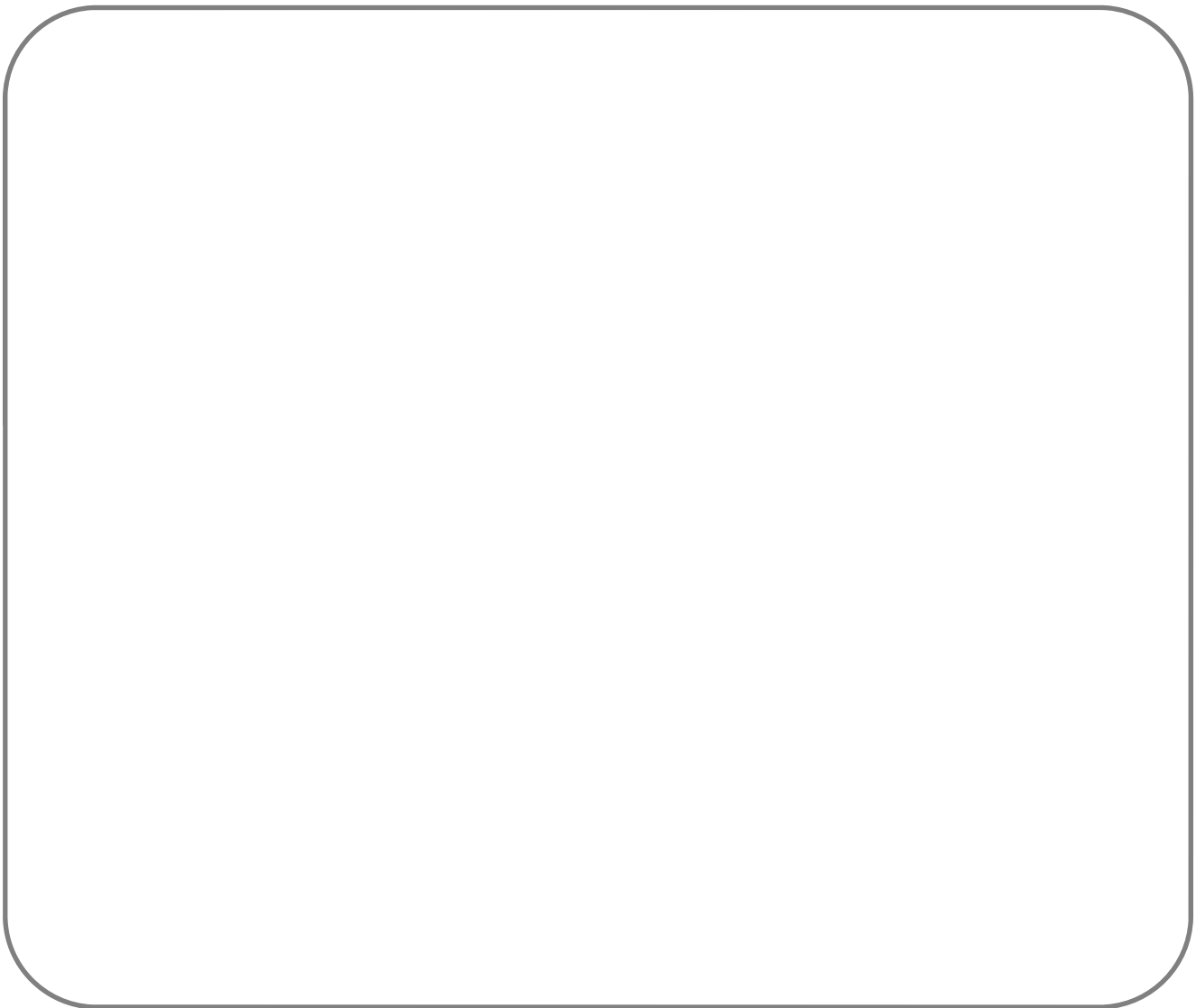
His _____

Hers _____

Writing Out the Rough Draft of Our Family Mission Statement

Use the notes and thoughts you have recorded to be a help and tool to you. Remember as you do this that every thought must be measured for validity by the only source of real truth we have, the Word of God, and not our own way.

Start this way: In the space below, write out a paragraph about your family mission and incorporate into it each of the seven billboard words.



Look at the other exercises you have done and see if anything from each of them needs to be added or subtracted from what you have so far. This should be a short statement of

- **The basic direction of your family**
- **Your family's aims and goals**
- **The path of your family's life**
- **Summing up of the purpose of your family**

Finished (For Now) Family Mission Statement

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Scriptures Relating to Our Roles in Life

My Personal Life Testimony in Christ

Ephesians 6:10-18	Proverbs 2:10-20	1 Corinthians 6:12-20
Ephesians 4:17-32	1 Corinthians 10:23-33	2 Corinthians 6:14
Colossians 3:1-10	1 Corinthians 8:7-13	

My Family and Home Roles

Ephesians 4:12-16	1 Corinthians 12:12-14,25-28	Luke 6:38
Ephesians 5:18-21	Acts 2:42	2 Corinthians 1:6-8
Romans 12:3-5,9-16	Matthew 28:18-20	

My Church Member Body and Ministry Roles

1 Peter 3:7	Deuteronomy 6:5-9	1 Timothy 3:4-5
Ephesians 5:22-6:4	Psalms 78:3-8	Titus 1:6
Colossians 3:19	Genesis 18:19	

My Good Neighbor Roles

Romans 12:17-21	Exodus 20:12-17	Romans 1:16; 10:11-14
Galatians 6:1-2,10	Acts 1:8; 8:4	Luke 10:30-37
Romans 13:1-7		

My Work and Occupation Roles

Proverbs 13:11	Ephesians 6:5-9	1 Timothy 6:1-2
Proverbs 14:23	1 Peter 3:17-20	Titus 2:9-10
Proverbs 21:25	Colossians 3:22	1 Peter 2:18-25

What Is the Mission of My Life?

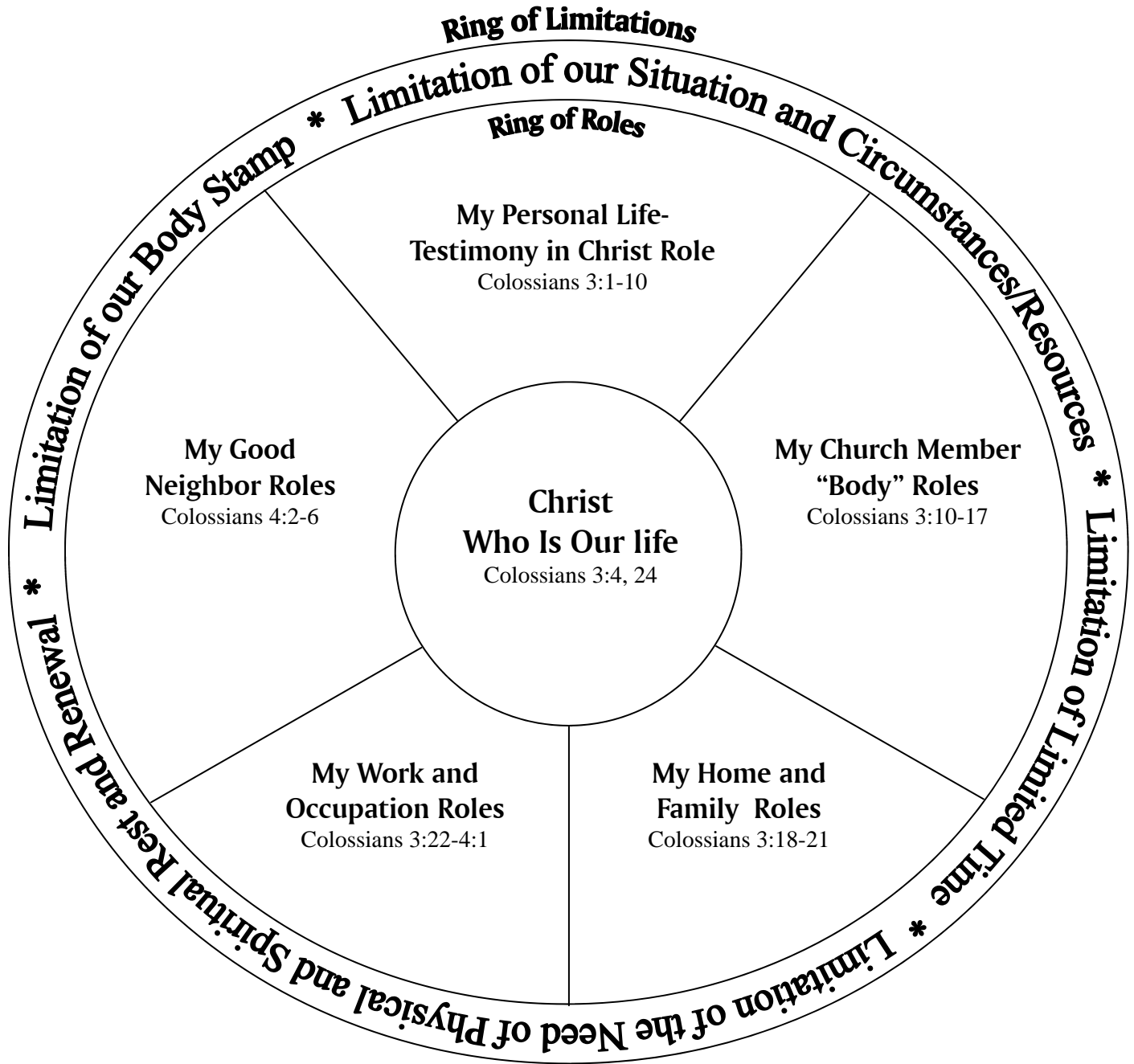
Is it lived out through the roles of my life?

Colossians 3:1-4:6

Priority System

I. Body Stamp
1 Corinthians 4:7

IV. Situation and Resources
Philippians 4:11-13



II. Energy
Sleep 8 hours a day, Sabbath
2 Corinthians 4:1, 7-18

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Limitations on
My Life

III. Time
24 hours per day, 365 days
a year, 70+ years
Ephesians 5:15-17

What is Time . . .

Mine?

Yours?

Money?

Taken?

Given?

Saved?

Different?

What Should I Do?

We are obliged at a given moment to accept necessary sacrifices. It is a painful thing to say to oneself, “By choosing one road I am turning my back on a thousand others.” Everything is interesting, everything might be useful, everything attracts and charms a noble mind; but death is before us. Mind and matter make their demands. Willy-nilly we must submit and rest content, as to the things that time and wisdom deny us, with a glance of sympathy which is another act of homage to the truth.

Do not be ashamed not to know what you could only know at the cost of scattering your attention. Be humble about it, yes, for it shows our limitations; but to accept our limitations is a part of virtue and gives us a great dignity, that of the man who lives according to his law and plays his part. We are not much; but we are part of a whole, and we have the honor of being a part. What we do not do, we do all the same; God does it, our brethren do it, and we are with them in the unity of love.

Therefore, do not imagine you can do everything. Measure yourself, measure your task. After some experiments, make up your mind, though without rigidity, to accept your limits. Preserve, by reading and if necessary by a certain amount of writing, the advantage of your early studies, your contact with wide fields of knowledge—but for the main part of your time and strength, concentrate. The half-informed man is not the man who knows only the half of things, but the man who only half knows things. Know what you have resolved to know; cast a glance at the rest. Leave to God, who will look after it, what does not belong to your proper vocation. Do not be a deserter from yourself, through wanting to substitute yourself for all others.

II Corinthians 4:17

What is temporal?

What is eternal?

Look at the hill . . .

FOCUS on the step

. . . continued

Set your sights.

Sequence.

Stick to it.

Prioritized Flexibility

Prioritized flexibility = willingness to change to do the most important thing

Negatives

Change direction
Deadline delayed
Decreased efficiency
Driven by loud guy
Hard to plan ahead
Massive crew
Not focused
Pet project
Project abandoned
Quality control
Transition

Positives

Ability to adjust
Accomplishment
Be a part
Camaraderie
Change direction
Focused work
Fun with people
Important=done
Massive crew
New enthusiasm
See the big picture
Variety

And it came to pass from that time forth, that the half of my servants wrought in the work, and the other half of them held both the spears, the shields, and the bows, and the habergeons; and the rulers were behind all the house of Judah. They which built on the wall, and they that bore burdens, with those that laded, every one with one of his hands wrought in the work, and with the other hand held a weapon. For the builders, every one had his sword girded by his side, and so built. And he that sounded the trumpet was by me.

Nehemiah 4:16-18

Priority

