Mission

A declaration of one's core values and life purpose.



People don't often consider what their mission in life is; they don't think to develop a personal mission statement or a mission statement for their marriage. But why not? We develop a mission for our business or our job, why not seek out God's purpose for our lives and marriage and prayerfully develop a mission statement to guide the direction of our lives? Proverbs 14:8 states, "The wisdom of the prudent is to give thought to their ways…" God desires that we have a direction and purpose for our lives, rather than haphazardly stumbling through life.

A mission statement is our philosophy or creed: a short *declaration of our core values and life purpose*. What do we believe the Lord, our God wants for our life? It will reflect what our life is about, what we stand for, and how we are going to live out our purpose in life. Outside influences should not affect our mission. It is to be solely dependent upon our decisions, actions, and God's work in our lives. A mission statement will guide life decisions, just as mission statements guide decision making for businesses.

Perhaps today, more than ever, individuals and families need a sense of direction and purpose, a guiding structure in their life around which they can make decisions and set goals to work toward. Every day life brings many pressing decisions to be made: where to put time, attention, energy, and money. Having a mission statement can help individuals and couples make sort through the mass of options in life and make healthy decisions that will help their lives, marriage and family and glorify God. Consider spending some time; even a day or a weekend get-away to prayerfully consider where the Lord your God wants you to go and what He desires for your life. Develop your mission statement and even print it and hang it in a prominent place in your home.

Helpful Resources: ***Fortified Marriages Resource page: www.fortifiedmarriages.com***

The *Fortified Marriages Manual and Workbook* is a great tool to help couples develop and implement mission statements more their lives, marriage, and family.

Article to check out:

Three Simple Steps to Creating Your Couples Mission Statement Together by John Gamades - www.depthnotwidth.com