

My Personal Strategic Plan

Step 1 -- Vision

"Without goals, and plans to reach them, you are like a ship that has set sail with no destination."

Fitzhugh Dodson, author and clinical psychologist

All successful organizations work from a strategic plan. Strategic plans help organizations focus on what they want to accomplish and the difference they want to make in the world. It is equally important for individuals to outline and periodically update their Personal Strategic Plan to stay focused on what they want to accomplish and what God wants them to achieve. This form is an aid to help you develop your Personal Strategic Plan. It accompanies a series of podcasts on SkipVaccarello.com.

Feel free to adapt this plan to your needs. More importantly, it should be simple and not become a burden.

This document will help you develop the first part of your Personal Strategic Plan – The Vision for your life.

Instructions

The following are instructions for how to develop your Personal Strategic Plan.

1) Your Personal Vision Statement

It is good to begin where you want to end. What is the legacy you want to leave? What are the plans that you sense that God has for you? This becomes your vision statement: how you would like to be remembered. You might even think of it as the obituary you would like someone to write about you after you die. It is not necessarily how you might be remembered today but, ideally, how you would like to be remembered.

First, write a summary statement (i.e., Vision in Brief), such as "I want to be remembered as a person who...." An example of a summary line for someone who wants to be remembered for their generosity might be this: "I want to be remembered as a person who is generous with my time and resources and puts others, including my family first." In one or more paragraphs, expand on your single statement. Note that your vision statement may change over time as your circumstances change.

You should intentionally shape your legacy/vision statement by your actions, which become your mission, core values, and goals, which we will address in subsequent documents that follow podcasts on the subjects.

Sample Vision Statement

The following are sample vision statements to help you develop your vision statement. Remember that your Vision Statement is who you want to become and how you want to be remembered.

My Vision Example 1

My Vision in Brief, is to be a person admired for my generosity.

My Vision Statement

My vision comes from how I would like to be remembered. This is not necessarily who I am today but who I strive to become.

I strive to be generous with my talents, abilities, opportunities, and resources. I plan to use my skills and abilities effectively to help the organizations where I work to achieve their mission and goals. I want to help my co-workers to work effectively as a team and to take full advantage of their abilities and opportunities.

I want to be generous with my love, time, and resources for my family by helping my spouse and children reach their full potential and experience what it means to be a loving family who cares about each other.

In my community, I plan to give my time generously as a volunteer and my money to support groups and organizations with meaningful goals to make a difference in the world.

My Vision – Example 2

My Vision in Brief, is to be a person of God who lives by the motto "a good and faithful servant."

My Vision Statement

My vision comes from how I would like to be remembered. This is not necessarily who I am today but who I strive to become.

I strive to be a person of God who seeks to love God with my whole heart and soul and to love my neighbors as myself. I want to be a blessing to other people -- an encourager who cares deeply for people and is a humble, effective leader who practices leadership through service and is honest in his dealings with God, people, and myself.

I want to exhibit my Christian values in how I live at home, at work, with my friends, and with others. I strive to be a loving parent and spouse and care for my co-workers. I strive to be a loyal friend and welcoming to strangers.

Finally, I want to use my God-given gifts, talents, and opportunities to make a positive difference in the world.

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My Vision in Brief,

My Vision Statement: