

BARTHOLOMEW ORR ***Roles, Governing Values, Mission***

A few years ago during some Life Coaching Sessions, I answered the following questions in my journey to discover my Life Mission Statement. The following represents my personal journal. As you seek to discover God's purpose for your life, I am praying Colossians 1:9-14 for you *"So I have not stopped praying for you since we first heard about you. I ask God to give you complete knowledge of His will and to give you spiritual wisdom and understanding. Then the way you live will always honor and please the Lord, and your lives will produce every kind of god fruit. All the while, you will grow as you learn to know God better and better. I also pray that you will be strengthened with all His glorious power so you will have all the endurance and patience you need. May you be filled with joy, always thanking the Father. He has enabled you to share in the inheritance that belongs to His people, who live in the light. For He has rescued us from the Kingdom of His dear Son, Who purchased our freedom and forgave our sins."*

I. ROLES – GIFTED BECAUSE OF WHO I AM *(What are your current roles in life?)*

- a. See-Saw (Self)
- b. Christian
- c. Husband
- d. Father
- e. Pastor
- f. Evangelist/Teacher
- g. Community Worker

II. GOVERNING VALUES – GUIDED BY WHAT I HAVE *(What are the values that you live by?)*

- a. **God.** God is the Sovereign Lord and my Compassionate Divine Father. He is the Creator of all things and in only in Him does the creation find its purpose. I receive my greatest fulfillment through living out the purposes

God created me for. I bring glory to God through a selfless, sacrificial life.

I live out Biblical principles in my everyday practice.

- b. **Integrity**. I uphold Godly moral principles in my personal, public and private life. I guard my mind against negative and damaging thoughts. I govern my speech and conduct to match the principles I teach and preach. I depend on the power of the Holy Spirit to give me the desire and power to be true to God's standard.
 - c. **Leadership**. I provide strong guidance to my family, church and community. I cast vision and communicate vision for the church in a clear and compelling manner which enables the church to rise in our responsibility and meet the challenges of our communities and world with the life-changing power of the gospel. I participate in the shaping of those around me so that they can achieve excellence.
 - d. **Excellence**. I operate at my best potential using all of my resources, skills, talents, etc. in an efficient and most productive way.
 - e. **Family**. I love and respect my wife who is my best friend. I honor and protect her and I seek to understand her so that I meet her needs. I love my boys and show my devotion to them through time and meaningful activities. I train them according to God's Biblical standard and model for them the traits of true manhood (responsibility, accountability, integrity and leadership)
- III. **MISSION STATEMENT – GROUNDED BY WHY I EXIST.** *(This will become your Life Mission Statement. We will come back to this.)*
- IV. **TRIBUTE STATEMENTS – GUARDED BY WHEN/WHAT I LEAVE:** *(If you could attend your own funeral, what would you want the people there to say about you? Or if you could design your own tombstone, what would you want it to say?)*
- a. **Christian**: Well done thy good and faithful servant.

- b. **Husband**: The faithful flame of his love has warmed my heart and brightened my life.
- c. **Father**: Our dad has been the best daddy to us. He has always been there for us, believing in us and encouraging us.
- d. **Pastor**: As a humble shepherd, Pastor Orr fed us with inspiring and transforming truths; cared for us with a compassionate heart; and led us with a gracious hand.
- e. **Evangelist**: God used Rev. Orr in such a way that his messages gave me clarity of the Word of God and I was able to grow.
- f. **Community Leader**: The fabric of our community was strengthened by Pastor Orr willingness to serve and go the extra mile.
- g. **Me**: I did my best with what I had to the glory of God.

Balancing Personal and Professional Roles (Who are the Key People directly connected to each of your roles?)

Personal Roles and Key People

Christian ~ God

Husband ~ Valarie

Father ~ Bart, Bates, Bradford and Brandon

Professional Roles Map

Skill Roles: Pastor/Shepherd, Preacher/Teacher, CEO/Administrator

Pastor/Preacher ~ Key People: Congregation

Needs ~ Care, Instruction, Vision

Benefits ~ Comfort, Connection with God and Church;

Spiritual Growth; Church Growth

CEO/Administrator ~ Key People: Employees, Church Leaders

Needs ~ Management, Vision, Training

Benefits ~ Purposeful job and efficiency for church; Clarity;

Improved job performance

PEERS

Role: Pastor Friend

Key People: Other pastors, preachers under my ministry

Needs ~ Accountability, Support; Training

Benefits ~ Consistent Reputation before God and man;
stronger pastors; Spiritual mature preachers under my
ministry

EXTERNAL

Role: Community Worker

Key Organizations: Sacred Heart; Baptist Hosp.; Boys/Girls
Club

Needs ~ Ideas, assistance,

Benefits ~ stronger organizations, in touch with community

Mission Statement

1. What would I really like to be and do in my life? **A true Man of God making a difference in the lives of others.**
2. What are my greatest strengths? **People person, intelligent, kind, compassionate, giving.**
3. How do I want to be remembered? **As a loving husband, committed father and faithful Pastor who sacrificially gave of himself for the glory of God and the good of mankind.**
4. Who is the one person that has made the greatest positive impact in my life? **God (Annie Brown)**
5. What traits does this person have? **He is holy, pure, just, loving. She was spiritually connected, wise, loving and positive.**
6. What have been the happiest moments in my life? **Marriage, birth of sons, preaching**
7. If I had unlimited time and resources, what would I do? **Helping others, travel**
8. How can I best contribute to the world? **Preaching and teaching**
9. Rough Draft of Mission Statement Creatively, Simplicity, Compassionate, Passionately, Hands On, Connecting with people, insight into His words so that I can impart it to others, convict me to the straight and narrow, empowering me. **Three (3) verses of the Bible sums up my life: Colossians 1:28-29 “(I) preach Him warning and teaching every man with wisdom so that “I” may present every man complete in Christ. For this purpose I labor striving according to His power which mightily works in me.” Philippians 4:13 “I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me.” I John 4:4 “Greater is He that is in me than He that is in the world”**
 - a. **Draft #1 Because of His greatness in me, I will achieve greatness for Him by living a balanced life that is a blessing to others.**
 - b. **Draft #2. Through the God’s power in me, I will work to make a difference by bringing glory to God and doing good for others.**
 - c. **Draft #3 I will use the best in me to do the best for others to the glory of God.**

- d. Draft #4 Through a life of integrity and excellence, relying on the power of God, I will invest my life to helping others, healing my community and ultimately bringing glory to God.
- e. Draft #5 As a divinely called leader to my family and community and guided by integrity, humility and excellence, I will bring glory to God by investing my life to inspiring the best in others and to influencing positive change in my community through the teaching and preaching of God's Word.

FINAL RESULTS

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