

OPUS

“A master in the art of living draws no sharp distinction between his work and his play; his labor and his leisure; his mind and his body; his education and his recreation. He hardly knows which is which. He simply pursues his vision of excellence through whatever he is doing, and leaves others to determine whether he is working or playing. To himself, he always appears to be doing both.”

- Francois Auguste Rene Chateaubriand

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- **Over-arching Vision:** *My Big Dream*
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 - To invite people to think differently through various mediums of story. Our interchange of ideas will leave each other with the ability to see the world differently.
 - To initiate individuals and tribes into a life-long process of growing, learning and improving through consulting, coaching and mentoring.
 - To introduce resources that facilitate people to experience, educate and empower themselves with the love and power of God. These resources will propel people to discover who they are and to assist them in unleashing their potential.
 - To ignite a generation to embrace the will and the Word of the Lord by personally introducing young people to Jesus
- **Purpose:** *The Defining Statement of My Work*
 - *Propelling people to their next level through the interchange of ideas*
- **Unifying Strategies:** *What’s Necessary for me to Achieve this?*
 - Invest in my own growth as a leader through resources, partnerships and experiences
 - Invite others to speak into my life, who are better, smarter, more experienced and more gifted than me so they will raise my lid and I can raise the lid on others
 - Insist the presence of God takes precedence in every area of my life

- Invest in relationships. This includes, mentors, family, colleagues, volunteers, parishioners and fans
- Invent resources that add value to students and those that work with students
- **Scorecard for Significance:** *How do I know I'm hitting my target?*
 - Invest in my own growth as a leader through resources, partnerships and experiences
 - I'm being mentored (gain insight)
 - I'm being educated (gain knowledge)
 - I'm being engaged (conferences or coaching resources) (gain ideas and impartation)
 - Invite others to speak into my life, who are better, smarter, more experienced and more gifted than me so they will raise my lid and I can raise the lid on others
 - I'm regular meeting with a mentor that is further along than I am
 - Have multiple mentors (not everyone can play catch in the yard)
 - Push myself into newer circles
 - Mentor my replacements
 - Insist the presence of God takes precedence in every area of my life
 - Create a vent in my day that God can take over
 - Regular be alone in nature with God
 - Read and pray daily
 - Emphasize that I am a spiritual being
 - Invest in relationships. This includes mentors, family, colleagues, volunteers, parishioners and fans
 - Have 360 degree meetings
 - Pastor/mentor bi-weekly
 - Other youth pastors bi-weekly
 - Volunteers and students daily
 - Blog weekly
 - Interact daily (Fb and Twitter)
 - Invent resources that add value to students and those that work with students
 - Create resources (books), teachings (sermons), coaching (one on one coaching), and training (mastermind groups).

Six Pack

Worldview-What I believe

God- I believe God is a good God and in a good mood

Grace- I believe we can do all things through God that strengthens us

Process- I believe that we are constantly, continually and consistently becoming

Love- I believe love is the glue that holds the world together

The Word- I believe God still speaks and His secrets belong to our children and us forever

Community- I believe it's no fun going at life alone

Wholeness- I believe the goal of Christianity is not salvation but wholeness

Discipline- I believe in stewarding our time, finances, bodies and energy

Fun- I believe fun is not an activity but an attitude

Responsibility- every thing and everyone we encounter should be better because we were there

Identity-Who I am

A son- Who God foreknew and adopted

An innovator- I was created to create

A lover- my love for God will be reflected in my love for my family and my fellow man

A father- I am responsible for and to my family morally, financially, and spiritually

A leader- I have embraced the responsibility to serve the world

A hard worker- I can solve any issue with enough time and effort

A writer- I can creatively entertain and enlighten through my words

A speaker- I can engage and inform any crowd or individual

A pastor- I'm called to continue in the ways of the Levites in bringing my community closer to God

A facilitator- through networking and consulting, I can take individuals and organizations to their next level

Principles-What I value

Creativity-“Creativity can solve almost any problem. The creative act, the defeat of habit by originality overcomes everything.” – George Louis

Hard Work-Nothing will work unless you do- John Wooden

Freedom-Where the spirit of the Lord is... II. Cor 3:17

Responsibility- I’m responsible –Rudy Guiliani

Curiosity- “Iron rusts from disuse; water loses its purity from stagnation ... even so does inaction sap the vigor of the mind. –Da Vinci

Community- It takes a village to raise a child -Old African Proverb

Passion- Set yourself on fire and people will come for miles to watch you burn-John Wesley

Laughter- A cheerful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones Proverbs 17:22

Competition-It’s a lot of pressure. But some kids look for that type of pressure. That’s when the greatness comes. –Michael Jordan

Preparation- Most people overestimate the importance of events and underestimate the power of process-John Maxwell

Passion-What I love

Mentoring-I want to show you the way

Leading-I want to guide you on your way

Dreaming-I want to imagine new ways

Inventing-I want to make new ways

Collaborating- I want to share the way

Strengthening-I want a better way

Learning-I want to know all the ways

Winning-I want to find the best way first

Resting- I want to enjoy the way

Playing-I’m going to have a blast every step of the way

Purpose-Why I live and work

Serve-like Jesus

Strengthen-like Paul

Empower-like Jethro

Inform-like Samuel

Encourage-like Barnabus
Construct-like Solomon
Collaborate-like Reuben, Gad and the half tribe of Manasseh
Envision-like Nehemiah
Assist-like Jonathan
Transform-like Josiah