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Personal Mission Statements may be a little strange to you. We don't often talk about them, especially as students. However, it's an opportunity to remind ourselves how we want our lives to be lived. As Christians, we have a several mission that God calls us to—to make disciples, to imitate him, to be Christ's hands and feet and the list goes on and on. I have found it helpful to write out a little statement for my own life so that I can strive toward the person that God is calling me to be. I have a sense that studentts may have a better handle on every day decisions if they thought more about the impact it makes in our lives.

Some examples from scripture:

"As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." Joshua 24:15

"However, I consider my life worth nothing to me; my only aim is to finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the good news of God's grace." Acts 20:24

"For whoever wishes to save his life shall lose it; but whoever loses his life for My sake shall find it." Matthew 6:25

"I can do all this through him who gives me strength." Phil 4:13

I'll show you the mission statement I wrote at the end of our time together...

Step One - Define what you want to be and do.

What I'd like to do: _____

What I'd like to be: _____

Step Two: Identify an Influential Person.

Think about how this individual has contributed to your life. This person may be a parent, work associate, friend, family member, or neighbor. Answer the following questions, keeping in mind your personal goals on what you want to be and do.

Who has been one of the most influential people in my life? _____

Which qualities do I most admire in that person? _____

What qualities have I gained (or desire to gain) from that person? _____

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Step Three - Define your Life in Roles.

You live your life in terms of roles: Daughter, friend, cousin, sister, lifeguard, baby sitter, student, athlete, etc. Define up to seven life roles and then write these roles in the places provided. Write a brief statement of how you would most like to be described in that particular role. You will gain perspective and balance by identifying your life roles.

Roles & Statements

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____

Step Four - Write a Draft of your Personal Mission Statement.

Now that you have identified your life roles, and have defined what you want to be and do, you are prepared to begin working on your personal mission statement. In the space provided below, create a rough draft of your mission statement based on your notes from the three steps above. Carry this draft with you and make notes, additions, and deletions before you attempt another draft.

The final test of the value and effectiveness of your personal mission statement is: Does this statement inspire me? Refine as needed, put in your phone notes, post it on your wall, and read it when you can. Pray that God would use this focus to help you grow in his steps—with his character.