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STRONG FAMILIES  
ONE CONVERSATION  
AT A TIME



## A FAMILY ON MISSION

This generation wants to make the world a better place. They want to be engaged in movements that promote change, empower people, and help communities thrive. They believe in social justice and have little tolerance for those who don't.

As the #1 person of influence in your child's life, you have a tremendous opportunity to help mold the aspirations of your kids in a way that teaches them to do good in the world. This logic of thought can be a tremendously powerful attribute of your family.

If your family hasn't developed a **Family Mission Statement**, this is a great time to do so. This exercise can build family unity, teach each family member a sense of meaning and identity, and reward your children with a feeling of being a part of something important. It can also help establish your family's purpose, pursuit, and passion!

# CAST

Call a family meeting and cast your vision for a Family Mission Statement. Explain how this statement can include whatever the family deems important. There is no wrong way to do so. The important thing is that every family member contributes.

# CONSIDER

Give each family member time to consider what they believe the mission of your family should be. Allow one week for each family member to organize their thoughts. Reconvene and talk. As you talk, you may find some family members are more engaged in this process than others. Work to encourage everyone to have a voice at the table.

# CUSTOMIZE

Customize a Mission Statement by answering questions like:

- If you could change the world for the better, what would you do?
- What are you passionate about?
- Is there an individual, non-profit, or organization in our community that needs help?
- What do you do best and how can you use your gifts to help others?
- How would you like to see our family impact our community?

# COMMUNICATE

Once you agree on the details, clearly communicate the Mission to all family members.

# COMMIT

Take time as a family to prayerful commit the Mission Statement to one another and to God.

**Make a plan to re-visit your Family Mission Statement throughout the year. The hope is that as your family commits to the mission, you each begin to see God leading you in unique and exciting areas of outreach. Additionally, you will most likely see that your family grows closer and more committed to one another and to making an impact in your community and the world.**

# Family Mission Statement

We believe this statement best defines who our family is:

To each family member, we will:

To our friends, we will:

In our community, we will:

When the world sees our family, it is our hope that:

Our family bible verse is:



# Family Mission Statement Sample

## **We believe this statement best defines who our family is:**

The William's family strives to do all things with love. We place our trust in God, and believe He guides our steps. We believe every family member is an equal and unique part of this family. We will always turn to God's Word as our source of truth.

## **To each family member, we will:**

- be compassionate
- be respectful
- be caring
- be kind
- be accountable

## **To our friends, we will:**

- always have their best interest in mind
- always tell the truth
- never be afraid to talk about our faith

## **In our community, we will:**

- look for ways to be generous
- volunteer
- set an example worth following

## **When the world sees our family, it is our hope that:**

the world sees joy in us and a genuine love for one another.

## **Our family bible verse is:**

"The word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."

- Psalm 119:105



# **A Few More Suggestions to Consider**

Have each family member develop a personal mission statement that defines who they desire to be at work, at school, with friends, on dates, etc.

You may want to include broader statements about how your family handles finances, discipline, devotional night, movie night, and more.

Develop monthly goals each family member strives to achieve that coincide with the mission of the family. Talk about these goals and the process each went through to fulfill them during family meetings or family devotional time.

Develop an annual family outreach goal, such as saving money to support a local non-profit or taking a family trip to another country to impact others.

Lastly, remember that your Family Mission Statement can be whatever you want it to be. As you develop it, have fun and enjoy using this time to focus on your family and the attributes about your family that make you unique.