

Mission, Vision, Values, and Goals

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Introduction

Not everyone wakes up one day and knows what they want to do with their life. Figuring out what I want to do has come from trying things, messing things up, learning from mistakes, and recalibrating my goals. I have taken on many responsibilities outside of my actual course work while in college. For example, I ran an online poker server throughout the summer. I feel that these experiences teach responsibility and decision making. I have learned that motivation alone may not be enough to achieve the life I want to build. In this paper I will discuss my personal mission statement and the kind of person that I want to become in a period of five to ten years, as well as my personal values which guide my daily activities and my personal development goals.

Mission

My mission is to build a meaningful life that balances independence, strong relationships, and personal growth while creating opportunities through entrepreneurship.

Vision

Five to 10 years down the road, I see myself in Southern California, maybe closer to San Diego, being an entrepreneur or owning my own business, living in the middle of the city or closer to the beach (where I can be active and meet people), and living the lifestyle I want. I love San Diego and the balance of professional opportunity and powerful sense of community and quality of life here.

I think ultimately I want to do something where I'm in a sort of freelancing position and set my own time schedule and learn new skills. I'm not quite sure what that looks like yet, but I know it's definitely business and entrepreneurialism. Success is being able to travel and spend money and afford the luxuries of life without having to worry about money. I don't want to be dictated to by my work schedule. I want my life to dictate my work.

Outside of my work, I see myself married by the time I am 25 years old, living for and with my family. Family is and has always been extremely important to me, and I hope to live in a very family oriented manner, always close to my family, whilst also creating my own traditions. I have close friends, and I will continue to have close friendships. I will also continue to have friends that will challenge me to be better than I was the day before.

I see myself just trying to stay active, fit, and healthy, anything from the gym to running card games at the beach with the guys. All of that is the same as taking care of my body, my spirit, and my health. I see myself learning new skills, growing in new ways, and being able to look back five or ten years from now and feel as though I've accomplished something. I want to be proud of the work that I've done, where it's taken me, and where I'm continuing to grow to in the future.

Values

Responsibility: I consider responsibility one of my core values. I show responsibility by holding myself accountable for my actions, both in and out of school, and by making sure I'm meeting the expectations I set for myself and that others set for me in school and at home. I was running an online poker server through the summer. It's been a great learning experience in systems, accounting, and results. You really grow if you correct your faults, instead of avoiding them.

Growth: I am a big believer in growth and learning at all levels, both in my personal and professional life. I am always searching for new personal and professional challenges, particularly in business, technology, personal, and spiritual growth. A way in which I have chosen to grow in my life of faith is by starting to go to church on a weekly basis and implementing scripture reading and reflection once a day. I find that carving out time to reflect with God each morning allows me to set a positive and peaceful tone for my day, instead of starting to just rush and think solely about the world when I wake up. I want to continue on this path so that my relationship with Jesus grows stronger and closer to the God that gave me this life I am blessed to live.

Initiative: Having initiative is important to me. You can wait for things to happen, or you can make them happen. A way I take initiative in my life today is by prioritizing my social connection. I enjoy planning out activities and hang out sessions for my friend group when I feel like no one else is doing so. By being a leader in that way, it has encouraged me to take initiative in other aspects of my life, specifically relating to prioritizing starting a new business. For a period of time I just started accepting the fact that as a broke college student I just wouldn't have an income during the school year. But after reflecting I thought, "What am I doing? Let's take initiative and change that for myself." I am now working towards creating an app that tracks all of the different platforms of gambling, showing a tracker of the wins and losses. I did the latter when I was running that online poker server that was generating typical profits of about \$1,000 per week. So that taught me about taking action and learning things as you go, and that you have to start and adjust and get better as you go.

Goals

1. Graduate from Point Loma Nazarene University with a bachelor's degree by May 2027.
2. Build, or find, a primary source of income that earns at least \$70,000 a year within two years.
3. Continue to work on programming practical applications of artificial intelligence, and be working on or running a profitable business by the age of 25.
4. To be financially independent enough that I can travel, invest, and enjoy life without constantly worrying about money within the next five to ten years.
5. Get married by the age of 25
6. Workout 5 times a week at the gym
7. I want to buy my first home by the age of 27

Conclusion

I have written this personal statement of mission, vision, values and goals to serve me now and in the future. It's who I am and who I want to be. I want to take responsibility for my decisions, I want to keep improving, I want to keep taking initiative and ultimately be proud of what I achieved. I want to look back on my life and know that I did my absolute best, I am happy with where I am, and I am excited about everything that lies ahead.