**Jim Hines - Personal Mission**

To live a life pursuing intimacy with God as my highest priority, understanding that the outflow of my life is based upon the input to my heart and mind. I exist to serve God, serve my wife, serve my family and live a missional life wherever God has me strategically positioned (geographically and relationally).

**Mission Goals**

1. Engage the scriptures daily to gain a greater understanding of the heartbeat of Jesus.

2. To walk with my wife in a deeper way spiritually, emotionally and physically.

3. To have intentional contact with my children weekly to encourage them in their Christian walk and in life.

4. Engage with young leaders in to provide them encouragement, accountability and coaching and to help them discover God’s activity in their lives.

**Expectations associated with these Mission Goals**

1. That the words of Jesus dominate my thinking, penetrate my heart and guide my thoughts and actions.

2. That Mary and I grow deeper in love as we strengthen our relationship with

Christ and engage in spiritual disciplines together.

3. To see my children grow in their spiritual walk and to develop a stronger relationship with them as a father and friend.

4. Schedule regular “face time” meeting with key young leaders.

**Personal Values**

1. To hold God’s Word as the basis and foundation of my life.

2. To pursue a deep understanding of the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5) in my life. To apply/understand my giftedness and steward those giftings.

3. To pursue intentional and meaningful relationships where God has strategically placed me.

**Value Goals**

1. Have daily interaction with God through His Word and through prayer (read, meditate, reflect, journal).

2. To gain an understanding of the fruit of the Spirit and see them affirmed by Mary, co-workers, friends and family as they observe me living them out.

3. Update my understanding of my gifts, function and domain through regular reflection and intentional interaction with trusted leaders.

4. Be sensitive to God’s Spirit leading and guiding my life.

5. Live my life where God has me strategically positioned in a manner that honors Him and reflects His grace and mercy to the world.

**Expectations associated with these Values Goals**

1. Be highly disciplined in the area of engaging the Scriptures.

2. See a measurable improvement in the way I interact and engage with people (as observed by trusted people close to me).

3. To see my ministry effectiveness increase significantly in accordance with the capacities and domains God has given me.

**Capacities Assessment and Related Goals**

**Physical Assessment**

1. I am carrying the burden of poor health because I am overweight, which is leading to fatigue (physical and mental).

2. I rarely workout or engage in physical activity.

3. I feel generally run down and need more rest.

**Goals**

1. Lose 50 pounds before December 1, 2019

2. Exercise wise food intake in accordance with “General” Paleo Principals .

3. Exercise at least five days a week for a minimum of 45 minutes per session (equal to a 5K run/walk – minimum).

4. Need six to eight hours of sleep at night to be able to function at full capacity.

**Mental Assessment**

1. Rarely read other than short articles or required academic items.

2. Don’t spend enough “alone” time with God (be still … Psalm 46:10).

3. I am prone watch too many hours of television and that makes me mentally lazy.

**Goals**

1. Read one new book a month (in addition to academic requirements).

2. Find at least two hours a week for solitude, alone, focused time with God.

3. Reduce my television/media intake. (Define the How)

**Emotional Assessment**

1. Excessive personal interaction depletes my emotional energy.

2. Not having “down time” with Mary creates distance between us.

3. I tend to be moody

**Goals**

1. Understand the point where personal interaction overly depletes, and try and schedule those occasions accordingly.

2. Set apart intentional time with Mary to meaningfully “relax” and be still.

**Spiritual Assessment**

1. When I don’t consistently spend daily time in God’s Word and that makes me spiritually insensitive.

2. I don’t spend times of solitude with God and that reduces my relational connection to Him.

3. I do not consistently meditate on God’s Word and record what He reveals to me during those times.

**Goals**

1. Assure that I spend at least thirty minutes a day at least six days a week in God’s word.

2. Seek out at least two windows each week of extended solitude (1-2 hours).

3. Seek out three times a week of extended windows of meditation with written journal entries.

**Conclusions**

1. As much as possible, tether everything I am thinking and doing to a growing knowledge and understanding of the Bible. Do this with the understanding that the scriptures are the “language” the Holy Spirit uses to communicate.

2. In order to do that, I need regular time in God’s Word. I need to engage in His truth to understand His will for me and not be guided by feelings and circumstances. My feelings can be easily corrupted, but learning to listen to God within the boundaries of His inspired and perfect word is the safest and really only route to wholeness, clarity, mission and obedience.

3. I need to record through journaling, my ongoing dialogue with God through His word as a way to crystallize my learning, and document my commitments.

4. I need to work consistently at honing my understanding of myself as God has created me.

5. I need to make a consistent effort to build relationships with people with the intentional purpose of reflecting Christ to them.

6. The most intimate of those relationships is with Mary. We are partners in this life, not so much because it is a good way to be effective, or more enjoyable, though that is also true. But, because, having been fitted together by God, we are a completion of each other and a reflection of Christ to the world.