

Everyday 24/7, in light of Eternity

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MISSION-MINDED

2010

**Seeking God... for the next 7
7 days, 7 weeks, 7 months, 7 years, 70 years**



A year-end guide - for **YOUTH - to seeking God's will
for a **MISSION-MINDED** Life!**

**prayer-focus, family life, total-surrender,
vision, dreams, ideas, evaluation, goals,
destiny, mission, purpose**

MY MISSION

The Great Commandment: Love God, Love Others!

Jesus said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind."

This is the first and greatest commandment.

And the second is like it:

"You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

Matthew 22:37-29

The Great Commission: Share God's Love!

"Go therefore, and make disciples of all nations . . ."

Matthew 28:19

"Go into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature . . ."

Mark 16:15

"And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations . . . And you are witnesses of these things."

Luke 24:47-48

"...As the Father has sent Me, I also send you."

John 20:21

"...and you shall be witnesses unto Me, in Jerusalem, and in Judea, and in Samaria, and to the uttermost parts of the earth."

Acts 1:8

"The Great Commission is not an option to consider, but a command to obey."

Hudson Taylor, Missionary to China

"Why should anyone hear the gospel twice, before everyone has heard it once?"

Oswald J. Smith, Missionary Evangelist

"Missions is not just for missionaries. God's call is for all!"

Ann Dunagan, The Mission-Minded Family

Seeking God for the next 7...

Seeking God... in 7 Steps

Take time to consider highlights & challenges of 2009, as you look ahead to 2010 and seek God's direction for your 24/7 daily/weekly/yearly time management. Look at your short-term, mid-term, long-term, and life-long goals, and ask God to show you His eternal mission-minded perspective as you seek His will. You may want to consider fasting.

Keep your answers in a place where you can review them during the year (perhaps once a week, for 7 minutes). In 7 months (around the end of the summer, in July or August), take another week and complete another evaluation and alignment check-up.

Part 1. 7 Reflection/7 Projection QUESTIONS - Year-end Evaluation

Part 2. Seeking God for Everyday ALIGNMENT - 24/7 Evaluation

7 Areas of LIFE Balance: Spirit, Soul, Body, Relationships/Purity
Family & Home Life, School & Work, Ministry/Service/Mission

Part 3. Seeking God for the next 7 weeks - Short-term Evaluation

Weekly time management - WEEKLY PRIORITIES

Part 4. Seeking God for the next 7 months - Mid-term Evaluation

Special milestones - Family/Holidays - MONTHLY GOALS

Part 5. Seeking God for the next 7 years - Long-term Evaluation

7 continents - 7 notes - 7 colors - JOY & VISION

Part 6. Seeking God - Eternal focus - Life-long Evaluation

7 - God's # of completeness & fulfillment - MISSION

Part 7. Seeking God for fellowship with Him - Quiet Time Evaluation

7th day - Knowing God - WORSHIP/DEVOTION

Step 1 - QUESTIONS

7 Reflection Questions: Looking back at 2009

1. **GOALS - ACCOMPLISHMENTS** - What major goals and accomplishments did I achieve or meet this past year? What achievements and accomplishments do I personally feel were the most rewarding and fulfilling?

2. **LIFE HIGHLIGHTS** - In the long run, what will be the top "special" or fun personal or family memories and/or "highlight moments" of 2009?

3. **CHALLENGES** - What area of life was most frustrating or difficult? What would I have done differently if I had known what I know now? What major challenges did I overcome? How did I overcome these problems?

Step 1 - QUESTIONS

4. **ESTABLISHED RELATIONSHIPS** - As I consider the people in my life - immediate family, parents, siblings, relatives, friends, church, extended relatives, friends, church, teachers, people I work with - what are strengths & weaknesses of this past year?

5. **NEW PEOPLE** - What people did I meet in 2009? Who do I know better? How have these people impacted my life so far?

6. **MISSION** - How did I help to expand God's Kingdom this past year? Who did I lead closer to Jesus? (Did I share my faith or pray for the lost?) Did I think about people that do not know God in other countries? Did I support missions (with my money, service, or prayers)? Did I encourage any missionaries? Did I do what I felt God wanted me to do?

7. **DEVOTION** - How would I describe my relationship with the Lord this past year? (Time in the Word of God, Daily Prayer, Worship, Church Fellowship, Personal Devotional Life, Obedience)

Step 1 - QUESTIONS

7 Projection Questions: Looking ahead to 2010

1. **GOALS - ACCOMPLISHMENTS** - What major goals will I focus on in 2010?
What does God want me to focus on this year?

2. **LIFE HIGHLIGHTS** - What special memories will I make in 2010? Are there special events coming in this year (school events, family trips, holidays, church events, youth camps/events, mission trips)?

3. **CHALLENGES** - Are there any bad habits or unhealthy life disciplines that I should change? What major challenges or problems does God want to change in my life? How will I change to overcome these?

Step 1 - QUESTIONS

4. **ESTABLISHED RELATIONSHIPS** - What friendships/relationships will I focus on in 2010? Do I need to make any relationship changes to keep my life in order? Are there any friendships or relationships that are drawing me away from God or having a bad impact on my life, or on my family, or on God's goals & purposes?

5. **NEW PEOPLE** - What new people do I want to meet in 2010? (This can also include learning from others through books and teachings). Who do I admire and respect? Who are the happiest people I know? Who do I want to be like?

6. **MISSION** - How will I help to expand God's Kingdom in 2010? Who am I praying for who needs Jesus? What is my part in God's Great Commission worldwide? How much money does God want me to give (both to support my local church and to support world missions) in 2010? How will I become more mission-minded in this next year?

7. **DEVOTION** - How will I grow closer to the Lord in 2010? (Time in the Word of God - BIBLE READING PLAN??, Daily Prayer, Worship, Church Fellowship, Personal Devotional Life, Obedience)

Step 2 - 24/7 ALIGNMENT

MISSION-MINDED Alignment

How to use this "Alignment Check-up":

Evaluate the following areas of your life, **HONESTLY!**

God cares about every every of your life - your SPIRIT, or your spiritual walk with God, your SOUL (your mind, emotions, and will) - including your schoolwork, habits, and disciples, your BODY (your physical health, fitness, and appearance), your FAMILY and HOME LIFE, your RELATIONSHIPS & FRIENDSHIPS, along with your MISSION and purpose on this earth.

Don't compare yourself with anyone, or allow yourself to become discouraged by your present situation. This check-up is simply a tool for personal evaluation. By taking an overall look at your life, you will see what areas of your current priorities need special attention, focus, and/or change.

This check-up is ONLY to be used for a short time (perhaps for a WEEK -- once or twice a year -- similar to a 6-month physical); but this reviews the big picture of your life, as you commit every area to the Lord.

With God's help, your life can become balanced, healthy, and effective for His mission purposes. Most likely, you'll NEVER be able to do everything you expect of yourself, or everything others expect of you; however, if you "step into God's grace" for your life and follow His daily guidance, you WILL be able to do everything GOD wants you to do (and that's all that matters)!

Divine Order for Each Day

An excerpt from *Extravagant Worship*, by Darlene Zschech

For years, I tried to juggle all the elements of life. I knew there was a God call on my life to be in ministry, and yet I also knew that it could never be at the expense of my family. When I tried to juggle all the boxes, I learned the hard way that it is difficult to keep them all from crashing down. So I no longer have boxes for marriage, ministry, and motherhood. Instead, God has shown me that there is a divine order for my life.

Instead of trying to make sure that everything is balanced (there is no prescribed formula of balance), God showed me that I am to break out of the box mentality and instead seek Him for divine order for my life. Each day differs from the day before. The dynamics change, but the call on my life doesn't. Marriage, motherhood, and ministry are all cohesively part of that call. God anoints us for our entire call.



Step 2 - 24/7 ALIGNMENT

Date: _____

• JESUS is LORD over my Spiritual Life:

(I want to be purposeful in spending time with God, personally and also at church)

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PRAYER: Am I investing time in PRAYER?
 BIBLE: Am I investing time in GOD'S WORD (reading/study)?
 QUIET TIME: Do I have quiet time for WORSHIP/REFLECTION?
 LEARNING: Am I GROWING spiritually and in FELLOWSHIP?
 OBEY GOD: Does God speak to me? Do I LISTEN to Him?

• JESUS is LORD over my School Life:

(I want to surrender my school life completely to God...and renew my mind, will, and emotions to God's ways!)

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MIND: Am I challenged enough at SCHOOL? How are my GRADES?
 RESPECT: - Do I respect my teachers/principals/coaches?
 WILL: Do I feel ORGANIZED? Do I get my homework done?
 WORDS: Do my THOUGHTS & SPEECH honor God at school?
 EMOTIONS: Do my emotions reflect the FRUIT of the SPIRIT?

• JESUS is LORD over my Physical Life:

(My body is the temple of God's Holy Spirit and I want to present myself, in health, as His ambassador!)

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SLEEP: Am I getting enough SLEEP?
 AIR/WATER: Am I getting enough fresh AIR & WATER?
 FOOD: Am I eating HEALTHY and with MODERATION?
 BEAUTY: Am I pleased with my current APPEARANCE?
 FITNESS: Am I at a healthy WEIGHT & getting EXERCISE?

• JESUS is LORD over my Relationships: (my friendships & purity before God):

(I want to live with God's passion and LOVE for others - including people at school, church, and the lost!)

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PHYSICAL BOUNDARIES: Am I respecting the purity of others?
 STANDARDS: Do my friendships & relationships GLORIFY God?
 DATE GOD: Am I willing to surrender dating to God's timing?
 PROTECTION: Am I saving my heart for my future spouse?
 SINGLE: Am I content? Am I WHOLE without a relationship?

• JESUS is LORD over my Family & Home Life:

(I want my home and family life to radiate peace and purpose!)

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CONSISTENCY: Am I the SAME person with family and friends?
 CLEANING: Is my ROOM a place that is organized & clean?
 SECRET LIFE: How are boundaries w/ music/movies/internet?
 CHAOS: Do I bring peace to my family? Do I help my siblings?
 PARENTS: Do I respect and obey my parents, & help out?

• JESUS is LORD over my Money & Time:

(I acknowledge that everything belongs to God - my time, my money, my "stuff," my life, my future)

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GIVING (TITHING TO GOD 10%): Do I consistently tithe?
 SHARING: Am I generous in sharing with family & friends?
 STEWARDSHIP: Do I waste money? Do I save & work hard?
 SERVICE: Do I give of my time to help others?
 MISSION GIVING: Do I give to help people in need?

• JESUS is LORD over my Mission:

(I want to live with God's passion & LOVE for others - including people in the Church & people who are lost!)

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PREPARATION: Am I PREPARING for goals after high school?
 SERVICE: Am I willing to serve God & to serve at church?
 OBEDIENCE: Am I saying YES to God's plans (& NO to others)?
 WILLINGNESS: Am I keeping a willing heart to OBEY GOD?
 MISSIONS: Am I helping to fulfill God's GREAT COMMISSION?

Mark an "X" on each line to indicate your personal current evaluation of each area.

<-- No ----- Sometimes ----- Yes -->

Step 2 - 24/7 TIME MANAGEMENT

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Another helpful tool is to keep track of your daily schedule for several days.

- Where are you wasting time?
- What areas do you want to change?
- Are you using your time wisely?
- Are you getting enough SLEEP & REST?
- Are you living in God's balance - Spiritually, mentally, physically?

My Notes / Thoughts:



Step 3 - Weekly Priorities

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday

SHORT-TERM EVALUATION: Take a look at your commitments - and specifically, focus on the upcoming 7 weeks as you seek the Lord's direction for your schedule and plans.

My Notes & Thoughts:

7
weeks

Step 4 - Monthly Goals

2010

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MID-TERM EVALUATION: As you seek God's direction, look at the next 7 months, noting "milestones" such as graduations, birthdays, holidays, and family events. What are your hopes and dreams? How can you prepare so these moments are special, yet not stressful?

My Notes & Thoughts:

7
months

Step 5 - Long-term Goals

7 - The number of completeness!



7

years

Did you know there are 7 notes in a musical scale?
(A,B,C,D,E,F,G)?

Did you know there are 7 primary colors in a rainbow?
(Red, Orange, Yellow, Green, Blue, Indigo, and Violet)

Did you know there are 7 continents in the world?



In the Bible, the number 7 signifies completeness and fulfillment.
God wants our lives to be complete and full - with order and rest.

**Consider your life and future - Where do you want to be in 7 years?
What are a few (perhaps 7) long-term goals? Where do you want to GO???**

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Step 6 - Life-Long MISSION

70
years

7 - The number of fulfillment!

In 70 years, your life on earth could be over. Think about the purpose for your life, the future marriage and family you hope to have, and what your life will look like from eternity. How are you fulfilling God's Great Commission? If you could summarize your life MISSION in one statement, what would it be?

Walt Disney had a MISSION to make people happy.

Google has a MISSION to gather all the world's information and provide access to it online to everyone, for free.

FamilyLife has a MISSION: "winning the world, one family at a time."

Jesus told us that the Greatest Commandment is Love God, and to Love others. And He gave us His Great Commission is to "go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature" and to "go and make disciples of all nations."

As Christians, and MISSION-MINDED believers, the Great Commission and the Great Commandment will be a part of our life MISSION and purpose. We need to live with ETERNITY in mind, focused on God's CROWNS.

In one sentence, what is your life MISSION statement? Consider your unique gifts, desires, and passions, as you seek God for His specific purpose for your life.

My MISSION in life is to _____

Step 7 - REST & QUIET TIME

7 - The number of REST!

On the 7th day of creation, God rested.

In the Ten Commandments, God established the Sabbath Day.

Without legalism, remember that God established a day of rest for our benefit.

As a principle, having a weekly day of rest, along with a daily Quiet Time for devotion and worship is important to maintaining order and balance. Regular times of retreat and/or fasting is also vital.

What are your thoughts about REST, WORSHIP, & DEVOTION?

What is your plan to stay "self-feeding" in God's Word and in Fellowship with Him?

One church did a marathon Bible Reading. Members took turns reading the WHOLE BIBLE out-loud, each reading for 15-20 minutes. It only took 72 hours.

What is your plan in 2010 to read and study and memorize God's Word???

Recommended One-year Bible-Reading Plan:

<http://www.bible-reading.com/bible-plan.pdf>

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