

MISSION-MINDED 2011

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

A New Year's Guide for Seeking God's will for a MISSION-MINDED Life!

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Focusing on God's MISSION

Each of us are UNIQUE, with special talents, gifts, personalities, and desires, created in God's own image, to know Him and to glorify Him. Our lives will look different, but we're ALL called to focus on God's Greatest Commandment and God's Great Commission.

God's Great Commandment: LOVE God, LOVE Others!

Matthew 22:37-29 - 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."

God's Great Commission: Share God's LOVE!

Matthew 28:19 - "Go therefore, and make disciples of all nations . . . "

Mark 16:15 - "Go into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature . . . "

Luke 24:47-48- "And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations.... And you are witnesses of these things."

John 20:21 - ". . . As the Father has sent Me, I also send you."

Acts 1:8 - "...and you shall be witnesses unto Me, in Jerusalem, and in Judea, and in Samaria, and to the uttermost parts of the earth."

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

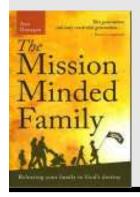
--Hudson Taylor, Missionary to China

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

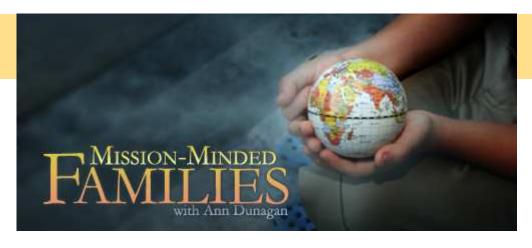
--Oswald J. Smith, Missionary Evangelist

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

-- Ann Dunagan, The Mission-Minded Family



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Seek God...for a Mission-Minded 2011.

Welcome to your FREE New Year's Prayer Guide!

This mission-minded guide is a journaling tool to help you consider highlights and challenges of 2010, as you look ahead to 2011. Seek God's direction for your 24/7 daily, weekly, monthly, and yearly time management. Look at your short-term, mid-term, long-term, and life-long goals, along with God's eternal perspective as you seek His will. As you take time to commit this next year to the Lord, you may want to consider setting aside a personal retreat for prayer and/or fasting.

After Christmas or during the first few weeks of January is an effective time for yearly reflection and projection. In an attitude of prayer, look back over the concluding year and consider what areas of your life were most fruitful and rewarding. Consider weaker areas in which you need increased discipline or accountability, and seek God for His specific goals and plans for your future.

Keep your answers in a place where you can review them during the year (perhaps once a week for 7 minutes, and once every 7 weeks for an hour). In June or July, complete another evaluation and alignment check-up, and refresh your commitments and goals.

7-part Prayer guide

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Step 1 - Looking back at 2010

	7 Ref	flection Questions:
	1.	GOALS - ACCOMPLISHMENTS - Looking back, what goals and accomplishments did I achieve or meet in 2010? Personally, what was most rewarding or fulfilling?
-0-	2.	LIFE HIGHLIGHTS - In the long run, what will be the top "special" or fun personal or family memories and/or "highlight moments" of 2010?
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	3.	CHALLENGES - In 2010, what area of my life was most frustrating or difficult? What would I have done differently if I had known what I know now? What challenges or obstacles did I overcome? How did I overcome these problems?
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Step 1 - Looking back at 2010

	4.	ESTABLISHED RELATIONSHIPS - As I consider the people in my life - immediate family, parents. siblings, friends, extended relatives, church family, neighbors, people I work with - what are strengths and weaknesses of this past year?
	5.	NEW PEOPLE - What people did I meet in 2010? Who do I know better? How have these people impacted my life so far?
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	6.	GOD'S MISSION - How did I help expand God's Kingdom in 2010? Did I help to lead anyone closer to the LORD? Did I share my faith, pray for the lost, or give to missions? Did I think about people who don't know God? Did I help with local outreach, international evangelism, or give to the poor (with my service, prayers, and money)? Did I encourage any missionaries? Did I do what God wanted?
0	7.	DEVOTIONAL LIFE - How would I describe my relationship with God this past year? (Time in the Bible, Prayer, Worship, Church Fellowship, Personal Devotional Life, Obedience) Did I GROW and mature spiritually in 2010?
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Step 1 - Looking ahead to 2011

0	7 Pro	ojection Questions:
	1.	GOALS - ACCOMPLISHMENTS - What major goals will I focus on in 2011? What does GOD want me to do, and to accomplish this year?
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-0-	2.	LIFE HIGHLIGHTS - What special memories will I make in this next year? Are there special events coming in 2011 (family milestones, church events, vacations, potential mission trips, special holiday celebrations)?
	3.	CHALLENGES - Are there any unhealthy life disciplines or habits that I want to change, or know I <i>should</i> change? What major challenges or problems could I seek God for help with? How will I change, or seek help, to overcome these?
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Step 1 - Looking ahead to 2011

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	4.	ESTABLISHED RELATIONSHIPS - What friendships and relationships will I want to focus on in 2011? Do I need to make any relationship changes to keep my life in alignment with God's order? Are some relationships pulling me away from God or having a negative impact on my life, my family, or on God's purposes?
	5.	NEW PEOPLE - Who do I want to meet or be more like in 2011? (This can include
	<u>.</u>	learning from others through books, online interactions, or audio/video teachings). Who do I admire and respect? Who are the happiest people I know?
	6.	MISSION - What will I do to help expand God's Kingdom in 2011? Who can I be praying for who needs Jesus? What is my role in God's Great Commission? How much money does God want me to give in 2011 (to support my church and world missions, and the poor)? How will I become more mission-minded in 2011?
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- "	7.	DEVOTIONAL LIFE - What is my plan for growing closer to the Lord in 2011?
		(Consider a BIBLE READING PLAN, Bible study, Daily Prayer, Worship, Church
		Fellowship and ministry involvement, Personal Devotional Life, and Obedience)
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Step 2 - 24/7 ALIGNMENT

MISSION-MINDED Alignment

How to use this "Alignment Check-up":

If your life is feeling somewhat unbalanced of "out-of-whack" -- spiritually, mentally, or physically -- try using this alignment checklist. 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.

For years, I have used these tools in my life, along with reviewing God's calling and "mission" for our family (including a look at our ministry and personal life-goals, along with plans and ideas for the future. This check-up is ONLY to be used for a short season (perhaps for ONE WEEK -- and only once of twice a year -- similar to a six-month physical). This review will help you to review your overall balance, as you commit every area of your life to the Lord.

With God's help, your entire life can become more balanced, healthy, and fruitful for His mission-minded 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, and WILL be able to do everything GOD wants you to do (and that's all that matters!).

God cares about every area of your life. He cares about your spiritual, mental and physical well-being. He cares about your relatioships and your family. If you are a parent, he cares about each of your children, and about your parenting. He cares about your home-life and your friendships; and he cares about your ministry and your mission to others. God sees the WHOLE PICTURE of your WHOLE LIFE, and He has a divine balance for each day.

God bless you as you seek God's will! ~Ann Dunagan

Divine Order for Each Day

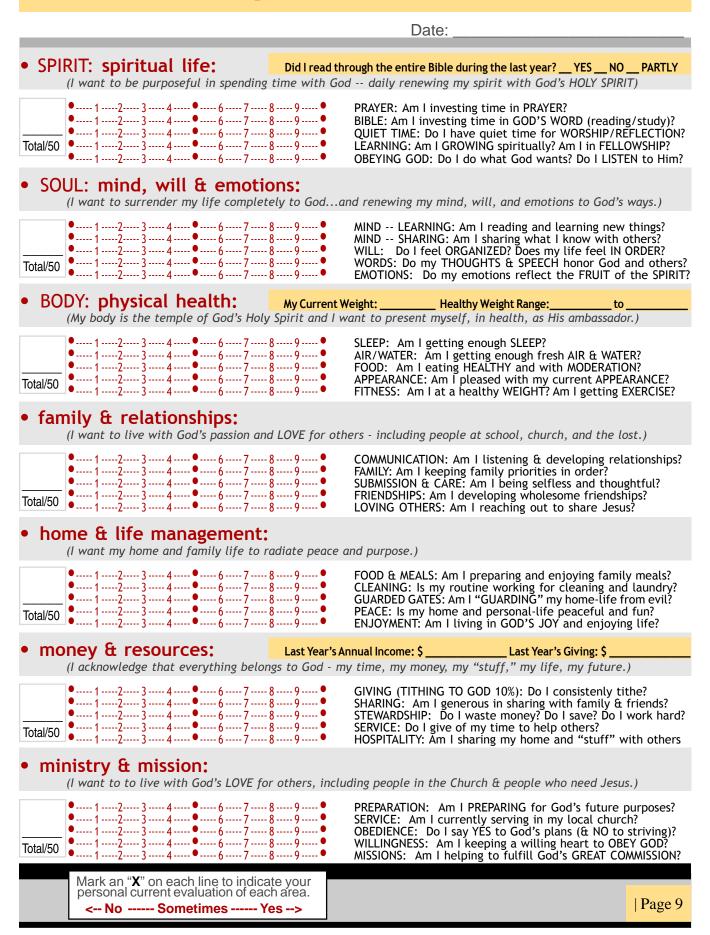
An excerpt from Extravagant Worship, by Darlene Zschech

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.



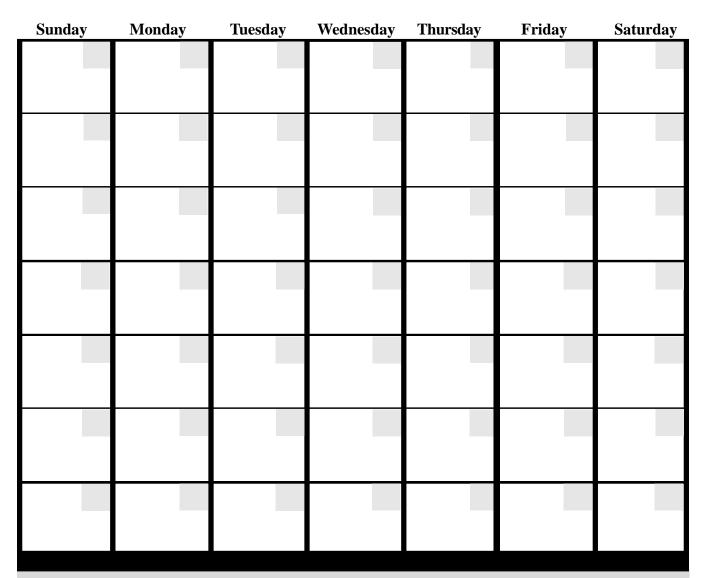
Step 2 - 24/7 ALIGNMENT



Step 2 - 24/7 TIME MANAGEMENT

Last Night # hours of SLEEP:	Date:
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6:45	Don't just "wonder" where your time goes FIND OUT!!!
7:00	Print out several copies of this page,
7:30	and keep a detailed record of vour
7:45	daily life habits for several days throughout a typical week.
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8:30	Be sure to write EVERYTHING down.
8:45	Time yourself on the computer and
9:15	while watching TV or videos, and BE HONEST. (This is a similar exercise
9:30	to journaling everything you eat in
10:00	order to evaluate your eating habits).
10:15	• Where are you wasting time?
10:30 10:45	What areas do you want to change?
11:00	Are you getting enough SLEEP & REST? Are you getting enough SLEEP & REST?
11:15	 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 -
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Step 3 - Weekly Priorities



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.

PRINT 4 copies of this page to use throughout the first half of this year.

My Notes & Thoughts:



Step 4 - Monthly Goals

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MID-TERM EVALUATION: As you seek the Lord's direction, look at the next 7 months, noting important "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:



Step 5 - Long-term Goals

7 -The Number of Completeness & Fulfillment!

In the Bible, the number 7 signifies completeness.

Our God is a God of ORDER and TOTAL FULFILLMENT.

He wants our lives to be full of purpose and life, and JOY, without stress or striving -- and to GLORIFY HIM!

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?

Did you know there are 7 notes in a



Where do you want to go in the next 7 years? Place a mark on 7 PLACES on the map.

What are 7 long-term goals that you believe could help bring fulfillment or completeness?

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Think of 7 things you are most THANKFUL for. What brings you JOY?

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Consider your life and your future.

Where do you see yourself in 7 years?

How old will you be in 7 years?

What do you want to experience? What are 7 long-term goals?

Part 6 - LIFE-LONG MISSION

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."

WHAT IS YOUR MISSION IN LIFE? WHAT IS YOUR FAMILY MISSION?

Jesus told us that the Greatest Commentment is Love God, and to Love others. And He gave us His Great Commission 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.

Part 7 - REST & DEVOTION

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 spiritual, emotional, and physical benefit. As a principle, having a weekly day of rest, along with a daily Quiet Time for devotion and worship is important for maintaining order and balance in our lives. It can be helpful to establish a specific TIME and PLACE for daily devotions (It's helpful to decide the night before, and have your Bible ready in a special "quiet time spot"). Regular times of retreat and fasting are also vital, along with commitment to a local church family.

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?

Signed:	Date:	

ENCOURAGEMENT: One small church did a marathon Bible Reading. Members took turns reading the WHOLE BIBLE out-loud for 15-20 minutes at a time. It only took 72 hours to read through the Bible.

What is your plan in 2011 to read, study, and to memorize God's Word?

Recommended One-year Bible-Reading Plan: A one-page pdf file to PRINT OUT: http://www.bible-reading.com/bible-plan.pdf

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