

A Framework for Life Direction
The Stewardship of Life Pt 1
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Stewardship - The productive management of something entrusted to me.

We are designed to live life at five levels.

I. Purpose - The overriding Biblical mandate to follow Christ.

The ? : *Why am I here?*

Great Commandment

Matthew 22:37-39 (NLT) Jesus replied, " 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.' [38] This is the first and greatest commandment. [39] A second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'

Great Commission

Matthew 28:19-20 (NLT) Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. [20] Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

II. Vision - A compelling picture that depicts what could and should be, in the future.

The ? : *Where am I going?*

Jeremiah 29:11 (NLT) For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.

My Vision

.... reflects my uniqueness.

... comes gradually,

..... involves positively impacting others.

III. Mission - What must be DONE in order to help what is to BE to come to pass.

The ? : *What will I need to do to get there?*

Philip. 3:12 (NLT) I don't mean to say that I have already achieved these things or that I have already reached perfection! But I keep working toward that day when I will finally be all that Christ Jesus saved me for and wants me to be.

An effective mission has action-orientation, and a completion point

IV. Strategy - A mission is a broad course of action, while a strategy is a more focused plan for action.

***The ?:* How will I do what needs to be done?**

Proverbs 16:9 (NLT) We can make our plans, but the Lord determines our steps.

Healthy Strategies

.... are building blocks.

..... Have synergy among other healthy strategies.

V. Tactics - Things are less about planning and more about execution.

***The ?:* What will I do today? Who will I partner with?**

Ephes. 2:10 (NLT) For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so that we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.

Facts About Framework:

1) Everybody "gets it" in one or two dimensions.

2) The broader your perspective, the greater the potential for Kingdom impact.

3) Perspective can broaden thru practice - stretching yourself.