

## Living Forward Life Plan Example

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### *Outcomes*

How I want to be remembered by those closest to me:

- God: I simply want Him to look on my life and say, “Well done, good and faithful servant.” There were times that He saw me weary, but in my weakness I became strong!
- My City: I was able to create a safe environment for teenagers to ask the tough questions, make godly friends, and have incredible mentors. I was looked upon as one who cared about change enough to listen to the Lord’s call to sacrifice the time it took to make a difference
- My Work: I was an example of how to live out your faith. I was able to show that actions would speak louder than words. I was never one to judge, but held them to a higher standard than others in their life did. I would pray they would see me as a small example of what it is to be like Christ.
- My Parents: I was one who they raised to do great things for the Lord. Even though I was called to be away from them, I made it back home enough to keep them in my life. I continued to show my love for them through consistent communication and made them apart of my ministry.
- My Sister: I was a loving and caring brother that wasn’t consumed with what I was doing in life to continue a healthy relationship with her. I made specific time for her and was a Godly example for her husband and kids to follow. She knew that when she needed me, I would be there in a heartbeat.
- My Friends: I was a brother in Christ who was willing to go the extra mile to serve those who I chose to live life with. I would pray for them daily, and stand by them through the good and the bad. Even though distance was between a lot of friends, it did not affect our friendship. Whenever they needed rest I was able to provide them with space to do that.
- My G-Parents: They look at what I have done with my life and our proud. Proud of who

they helped raise me to be and of the fruit they had sewn so many years before. They would feel as if they were living life with me because they felt included even though they were at a distance.

### *Priorities*

What is most important to me:

1. God
2. Health
3. Family
4. Friends
5. Career
6. Finance
7. Dream
8. Ministry
9. Self-Development
10. Spouse

### *Action Plans*

#### Account 1: God

Envisioned Future: I am still seeking Him daily through prayer and time in the word. I have read through the bible over 20 times and continue to soak in His word. I have memorized two books of the Bible, along with committing numerous other scripture to heart. I have read through Wayne Gruden's *Systematic Theology* and have taken more of a vocal approach to my faith as I'm able to explain it. I have put my belief statement to great use and used it as an example for my family.

Purpose: My purpose is to deny myself and take up my cross daily and follow him.

Specific Commitments:

1. I will spend 1 hour each morning in prayer and reading through the Bible.
2. Twice a week I will spend 30 minutes reading into Theology or Doctrine.
3. Meet bi-monthly with spiritual mentor.
4. Twice a year attend a conference that is beneficial to my walk with Christ.

Account 2: Health

Envisioned Future: I am trim and in great shape. I do not struggle with the back problems I had in my 20's. I have a clean bill of health—not sick, no disabilities or burnt out. I have been able to keep up with my kids and push them to a healthier lifestyle by example. I enjoy healthy eating habits, and enjoy one day a week to splurge. The foundation of discipline in working out, rest and eating has set me up for success.

Purpose: My purpose is to take care of the body, the temple the Lord has blessed me with.

Specific Commitments:

1. I will work out 6 days a week for an hour a day (cardio/strength).
2. I will plan out my meals for the week every Sunday.
3. Have mole removed from under armpit by end of March.
4. Eat right and healthy 6 days a week w/ 1 cheat day.
5. Have an annual physical by the end of June.

Account 3: Family

Envisioned Future: We understand the importance of quality time with family, and are close with Brittany and Tim's family. We continually invest time throughout the year in each other. I will have at least 3 kids that my wife and I have raised. We have continually been through Sunday Night Family meetings developing the kids in organization, family-time and commitment of scripture to memory. I have developed great routines to be in communication with family that are far away, keeping everyone a part of the family.

Purpose: My purpose is to invest in my family no matter the distance or time constraints.

Specific Commitments:

1. Bi-monthly I will send the family an update of what has been going on with me.
2. Schedule a Father/Son trip for Dad and I by this summer.
3. Once a week I will call and talk to Tata and Papaw.
4. I will get home once a quarter.
5. Weekly I will make time to talk on the phone with Watsons and Wangs.

#### Account 4: Friends

Envisioned Future: I will have a small group of friends that I have lived life with. They know my struggles, failures, success's and we sit around and laugh, cry, encourage and hold each other accountable. We helped raise each other's families, and we vacation together. We support each other and our families through thick and thin. We will challenge each other and sharpen till our last breath.

Purpose: My purpose is to go deeper and love fewer friends who will in turn love, challenge and hold me accountable.

Specific Commitments:

1. I will decrease the amount of Facebook friends I have by March 5th.
2. I will create a list of 5-7 guys that I want to invest more in by March 5th.
3. Will spend at least 30 minutes in phone conversation with above a month.
4. I will visit that list of friends once in 2011.

#### Account 5: Career

Envisioned Future: I have led a few organizations. The development that I encountered as a leader of my first organization has allowed me to shape the lives of thousands through the Lord's

direction. Loyal, I have left each organization better than when I first arrived and always with a successor. The Lord has continued to provide for my family as we continually choose to serve him. I have created boundaries in my life to provide the proper balance of work and home.

Purpose: My purpose is to work in an environment that will provide me with the skills to lead an organization that benefits others.

Specific Commitments:

1. Currently on track to implement BCL plan that last 14 weeks through April 22nd.
2. On track to delegate multiple club responsibilities to Greg by Feb 15th.
3. I will use an hour each Sunday afternoon to plan out my week.
4. I will finish a revised resume for myself by June 1st.
5. Once a month spend time looking into different careers I could pursue.

#### Account 6: Finance

Envisioned Future: I was wise early on and saved for the future through Roth and 401(k). I lived by a budget that was based on “living like no one else now, so I could live like no one else later”—Dave Ramsey. I was able to provide my family a home to grow in, food to eat, and great education. Though we enjoyed the blessings of life, we did not let them handcuff us. Finances were something that the devil would not have a foothold in to cause dissension in the family. We were able to pay cash for most big expenses because we decided early not to get into debt.

Purpose: My purpose is to provide for my family and support others who are in need of financial support.

Specific Commitments:

1. Create a sound budget by Tuesday March 1st.
2. Replenish my savings account with \$5,000 by Oct 1st.
3. Look over mint.com once a week for 30 minutes to see where \$ is going.
4. Contact a financial advisor for help understanding my investments by July 1st.

5. Monthly review of my Budget to keep on track.

### Account 7: Dream

Envisioned Future: The website was launched and has taken off since its inception. Through diligent and timely research, it has grown into a huge tool in people finding churches. Before, the best you could do was the google search engine, which only provided links. But, this site became a revolutionary way for people to learn about churches close to them. It provides the right amount of information they need to check out multiple churches at a time. Getting the project off the ground was the hardest part, but once it was started...it ran itself. People from numerous areas joined in collecting the right information for people. This became a pivotal point for the Church, with the right information in one place, it opened up a new way for people to connect.

Purpose: My purpose is to create a website that provides people with the right information they need to get connected to a church.

Specific Commitments:

1. Spend 1 hour a week processing data of surveys until completed.
2. Create a new name for the website by July 1st and purchase web rights.
3. Establish St. Pete Youth website by July 1st.

### Account 8: Ministry

Envisioned Future: I look back at the time I invested in numerous ministries and don't see numbers. I see fruit from the time invested throughout each one. That my sacrifices have led to disciple cycles that continue on today. My ministry is shared with my family and it has not taken me away from them. I have brought my ministry into my home, and invited others to live life with my family. That they would see my struggles, failures, strengths and faith... So that one day they might be able put in practice what they gleaned through time with my family.

Purpose: My purpose is to live out a lifetime of ministry whether it be occupation or not.

### Specific Commitments:

1. Post two devo type blogs a week.
2. Dig deeper with my 10th grade guys bi-monthly.
3. Become a member of Mountainview by end of April.
4. Take High School guy small group on a Service Project Weekend by August.

### Account 9: Self-Development

Envisioned Future: Though I haven't been to school in years, I have continually created a system for me to learn. I have always been in a book improving my strengths and identifying my weaknesses. Throughout different books, blogs and workshops I have continued to be a student. Over the years I have retained a wealth of information, and I enjoy passing it along to others as they work on their self-development.

Purpose: My purpose is to continue to develop myself and be in a continual state of learning.

### Specific Commitments:

1. This year I want to read 50 books.
2. Daily I will set aside 30 minutes to read.
3. I will pin point an area I want to improve in and grab 3 books on subject by April 1st.
4. I want to attend one conference this year that will be beneficial to Self-Development.
5. I will meet bi-monthly with individuals that will help me in my Self-Development.

### Account 10: Future Spouse

Envisioned Future: I will be enjoying my 25th wedding anniversary w/ the love of my life. We have gone through numerous transitions and lived a lot of life together, but have both pursued the Lord through it all. Every night we lie in bed and I read scripture to her and ask her how I can pray for her. We have continually invested not only in this family, but in our marriage. We strive to put differences and dissensions aside and working through them rather than fighting about

them. It has been a journey that maybe looked upon and followed our example.

Purpose: My purpose is to spend my life with someone who I can love, lead, challenge and enjoy life with and receive the same in return.

Specific Commitments:

1. I will pray daily that the Lord will reveal areas of my life that need development.
2. Finish implementing my life plan into my schedule over the next 3 weeks, thus establishing a more clear direction in life than before.
3. I will read Love and Respect by June 1st.
4. I will pray daily for the Lord to bring me someone to spend my life with, while at the same time praying for my heart to be content.