

10 Year Track: Mission, Vision, Values, And Goals

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"One often meets his destiny, on the road he takes to avoid it." In the animated movie, Kung Fu Panda, the character Master Oogway gives advice to his student during the beginning of the film. While this movie is for the most part a comedy, the meaning of this line should not be overlooked. This line reminds me that regardless of the plans or preparation I make, God will always have a plan for me whether or not I realize it. In this paper, I will review my mission, vision, and values for the next 10 years of my life.

My mission is to live a life of continuous growth. As we never know how our life will play out, it is important to me to focus on aspects I can control. One aspect of that is ensuring I am always growing as a person. No matter what stage of life I am in, there will always be different areas I can improve on. This mission applies to many important aspects of my life whether building my faith, keeping family close, or working an honest job that can help me improve as an individual and as a worker. As I will undoubtedly change in many ways over my lifetime, I want to stay true to myself, and ensure I am never living a stagnant life.

Ten years from now I will have graduated from Point Loma Nazarene University with a bachelor's degree in Computer Information Systems. After finishing school I would speak to Navy Recruiters, which would later lead me to be an Officer in the Navy. Through the Navy I will have traveled to so many different states and countries, working and gaining more experience in leadership positions. After working as an officer for eight years I will make plans with my Wife to move back down to San Diego, where I will be much closer to family, and where I can work as a government contractor, or project manager. This is where my wife and I will plan to have two kids and live in a two-story house with a decent sized backyard. There will be a pool in the backyard where I will teach my kids to swim, to hopefully become swimmers

when they grow up. In addition to the pool we will already have a dark brown pitbull-lab mix, and her name will be Sammi.

My first value is to always build on my faith journey. As someone who has grown up Christian, it always felt like a habit to go to church and pray, although after three years of college and circumstances I have found myself closer to God more than ever. To me this value is more than just making my faith a routine, but making active progress regardless of my circumstances in my life. My second value is family. Three words which have stayed with me for as long as I can remember are, "family is forever." So for me no matter how far I am from them, or how busy I may be, I must make it a priority to stay close and involved in my family's lives. My third value is self-growth. While I never know what the future holds, one aspect I wish to never lose is self-growth. Regardless of where I am in life there will always be different areas I can improve on.

My three current goals are:

- To graduate from Point Loma Nazarene University by the year 2025 with a degree in Computer Information Systems
- Before the year 2025 begin contacting recruiters regarding career options
- Learn and become proficient in eight additional coding languages in the next two years
- Continue working out at least five times a week, no matter what form of exercise

While we never know what God has planned for us or how our lives will play out, the most we can do is plan and do our best in aspects of our life that we can control. My mission is to live a life of continuous growth, and ensure that however my life unfolds, I will always aim to be a better version of myself. This includes withholding my values of faith, family, and growth.