

# My Personal Vision Statement

## I believe God calls me ...

To live in **response to his grace**, by:

- ♦ paying attention to God in all things
- ♦ meditating on the fact that he created me, died for me, and lives in me
- ♦ prioritizing worship of God as part of my daily life
- ♦ generously giving in every area of my life
- ♦ consistently praying for those for whom I have a concern
- ♦ acknowledging that without his Holy Spirit I could not respond to him.

To be a **biblical, godly, intimate, humble, compassionate and enthusiastic follower of Jesus**, determined to honour him in all things and make a radical difference in his world, by:

- ♦ cultivating intimacy with Him through disciplined prayer and reflection on the Scriptures
- ♦ embracing the spiritual disciplines
- ♦ modeling myself on Jesus
- ♦ being obedient to whatever I sense God is calling me to.

To be a **servicing husband**, enabling Sophie to grow into all that God desires/calls her to be, by:

- ♦ seeking to give love rather than gain love
- ♦ respecting Sophie and her uniqueness
- ♦ serving her in practical daily ways
- ♦ providing for her emotional, spiritual, physical and mental needs.

To be a **generous father**, providing for William, Toby and Anna the context in which they can develop loving, wholesome, and mature relationships with God and others throughout the whole of their lives, by:

- ♦ unconditional acceptance of them for who they are
- ♦ constant affirmation of their worth before their effort, their effort before their achievement
- ♦ making myself available to them for quality and quantity time
- ♦ appropriate affection
- ♦ consistent accountability
- ♦ loving authority exercised in sensitive discipline, being firm and pleasant.

To be a **faithful son**, honouring and caring for my parents till their dying day, by:

- ♦ regularly contacting them
- ♦ listening to their wisdom

- ♦ treating them with respect
- ♦ providing them with practical support.

To be a **caring relative**, affirming and encouraging all my relatives to find and fulfil God's central purpose for their lives, by:

- ♦ making myself available to all of my family
- ♦ remembering family anniversaries and keeping in contact.

To be a **loyal friend**, by:

- ♦ enjoying the richness friendship has to offer through time spent with those who are close
- ♦ sharing honestly with friends so we may grow together in godliness and grace
- ♦ developing healthy compassionate and caring friendships with those who aren't yet Christians.

To be a **supportive godparent** to Anna, Miriam, Georgia, Samuel and William, by:

- ♦ praying for them and their parents every week
- ♦ regularly contacting them for prayer requests.

To **develop the unique 'SHAPE'** God has given me; utterly dependent on him, celebrating my uniqueness, giving him the glory, pursuing excellence, exercising integrity, and extending his kingdom, by:

- ♦ enthusiastically and sensitively making Christ known in word, attitude and deed, with an emphasis on speaking evangelistically
- ♦ actively accepting leadership positions, humbly fulfilling them as a servant seeking to enable those I lead to better follow Christ
- ♦ thoughtfully and accurately teaching the Bible in ways which inform and inspire
- ♦ seeking excellence in all things, balanced by a belief that people are more important than projects.
- ♦ taking opportunities to expand knowledge and applying it to specific situations
- ♦ focusing on change, creatively pioneering with a willingness to take risks.

To live out God's priorities for me year by year by:

- ♦ regularly reflecting on my PLS
- ♦ sharing it with others to hold me accountable
- ♦ identifying each year steps to take towards fulfilling God's call.

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