

# ROLES AND GOALS

The start of a new season is a great opportunity for reflection and realignment around God's leadership in each of our lives. In every season, we have an invitation to seek God's heart, catch His vision and pursue that intentionally.

The following exercise is something my family and I have done for years at the beginning of each season/year. As our kids grew, we helped them do this as well. Now, years later, it is amazing to look back and see all the things we learned and the way God has led us through this simple exercise.

The Scripture is full of testimony and promise of God's good, wise and loving leadership for His people.

As we get started let's review them:

*Proverbs 3:5-8 (Message)* Trust God from the bottom of your heart; don't try to figure out everything on your own. Listen for God's voice in everything you do, everywhere you go; he's the one who will keep you on track. Don't assume that you know it all. Run to God! Run from evil! Your body will glow with health, your very bones will vibrate with life!

*Psalms 23:1-5 (NASB)* The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside quiet waters. He restores my soul; He guides me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

*Romans 12:1, 2 (NASB)* Therefore I urge you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

Alongside these Scriptures, there is also the admonition for all of us to be intentional about following the Lord and living with wisdom:

*Ephesians 5:15-17 (NASB)* Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, making the most of your time, because the days are evil. So then do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.

*Psalms 90:12 (NASB)* So teach us to number our days, that we may present to You a heart of wisdom.

*Habakkuk 2:2, 3 (NASB)* "... Record the vision and inscribe it on tablets, That the one who reads it may run. For the vision is yet for the appointed time; It hastens toward the goal and it will not fail. Though it tarries, wait for it; For it will certainly come, it will not delay."

With these Scriptures as a backdrop, I want to encourage you to set aside time to seek the Lord and discern His heart through prayer, listening and responding. As you do, I trust that you'll be overwhelmed by His love and grace to lead you and walk with you into all that He has for you! I am excited to see all that God has in store for us in the year ahead!

In His Strength & Love,

*Jimmy*



# ROLES

We each have specific and unique roles that we need God's wisdom and leadership in for each season of our lives. In this portion of our Roles and Goals exercise, take time to write out the various roles you have (child of God, husband/wife, father/mother, son/daughter, brother/sister, church member, professional vocation, student, etc.) and one key Scripture from God's Word about that role that you want to keep before you this year.

Here is an example from my life:

*Role 1:* I am a child of God – Romans 8:14-17 For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are sons and daughters of God. For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons and daughters by which we cry out, “Abba! Father!” The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him so that we may also be glorified with Him.

*Role 2:* I am a husband – Ephesians 5:25-30 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her, so that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, that He might present to Himself the church in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she would be holy and blameless. So husbands also ought to love their own wives as their own bodies. He who loves his own wife loves himself; for no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ also does the church, because we are parts of His body.

*Role 3:* I am a father – Psalm 128:1-4 Blessed is everyone who fears the Lord, who walks in His ways. When you eat the fruit of the labor of your hands, you will be happy and it will go well for you. Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house, your children like olive plants around your table. Behold, for so shall a man who fears the Lord be blessed.

*Role 4:* I am a pastor and leader – 1 Peter 5:1-11 Therefore, I urge elders among you, as your fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and one who is also a fellow partaker of the glory that is to be revealed: shepherd the flock of God among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion but voluntarily, according to the will of God; and not with greed but with eagerness; nor yet as domineering over those assigned to your care, but by proving to be examples to the flock. And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory. You younger men, likewise, be subject to your elders; and all of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because God is opposed to the proud, but He gives grace to the humble. Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, so that He may exalt you at the proper time, having cast all your anxiety on Him, because He cares about you. Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. So resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same experiences of suffering are being accomplished by your brothers and sisters who are in the world. After you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself perfect, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. To Him be dominion forever and ever. Amen.

*Role 5:* I am a friend and neighbor – Mark 12:28-31 One of the scribes came up and heard them arguing, and recognizing that He had answered them well, asked Him, “What commandment is the foremost of all?” Jesus answered, “The foremost is, ‘Hear, Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord is one; and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ The second is this: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.”



# MY ROLES

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# GOALS

After reflecting on words God has given you for the year ahead and His leadership in your various roles, prayerfully consider some goals or guidance the Lord has for you to pursue in the season ahead. Here are some areas to consider:

*Spiritually:* (Devotional time or a specific tool/resource, growing in one of the spiritual disciplines, etc.) 1 Timothy 4:8

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*Mentally:* (Books/podcasts, mindset like gratitude, life skill to learn like riding a bike or playing guitar, etc.) Romans 12:2

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*Physically:* (Healthy exercise, eating, sleeping, etc.) 1 Corinthians 10:31

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*Financially:* (Needed adjustments to living simply, giving generously, and working diligently, etc.) 2 Corinthians 9:6-12

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*Family:* (A specific focus on family investment, relationships that need restored, investing in someone as a spiritual father/mother, etc.) Deuteronomy 6:6, 7

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*Relationships:* (Discipleship investment, befriending someone for evangelism, accountability relationships, etc.)  
2 Timothy 2:2; John 13:34

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*Work:* (What is your assignment/project to accomplish?) Proverbs 21:5; Colossians 3:23, 24

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# GETTING PRACTICAL

In light of the words you sense God speaking for your year ahead, how do those things need to shape the way you spend your time and your calendar in the season ahead?

What should my daily/weekly schedule look like in this next season? What big events or milestones do I need in my annual calendar?

*Daily & Weekly:*

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

*Monthly:*

January

February

March

April

May

June

July

August

September

October

November

December

