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| **CORE VALUES** | **GUIDING PRINCIPLES STATEMENT** |
| **FAITH**  **I am no longer my own, but yours** | **Terms**: Faith, Discipleship, Purpose, Plan, Eternity, Kingdom-minded, Community, Love God, Love People |
| **Statement**: I surrender myself every day to God’s plan for me |
| * Consistently devote time to reading, studying, and reflecting on God’s scripture * Strive to listen for God’s voice in every part of my life and not just when I need Him most. * Focus myself to become spiritually aware in all things at all times * Be an active and contributing member and leader in my church * Consistently meet and share my life honestly with my reunion group and others who I trust to support and keep eachtother accountable * Be bold in sharing the reason for my faith and to seek opportunities to share my hope and to pray privately and publicly |
| Be a strong and positive disciple for Christ in thought, word, and deed, by loving God and loving people to bring hope and peace to a hurting and broken world and to do my part in building God’s Kingdom on earth. |
| **FAMILY**  **Invest in the gift of family** | **Terms**: Family, wife, children, extended family, adoption, responsibility, shepherd, servant leadership, courage, nurturing, protection, sustain, encourage, presence, connection, communication |
| **Statement**: I will joyfully protect, serve, and care for the wonderful family that has been given to me as a gift |
| * Put my family first and serve them by seeing and meeting their financial, physical, emotional, and spiritual needs. * Guide and support both of my children into becoming self-sufficient, courageous, moral, and joyful people. * Make time for family. Be consistently active, interested, and connected in the lives of my immediate and extended family. * Really get to know each of them and let them know me by talking about meaningful and important subjects. Don’t ignore or run away from the tough stuff out of fear. * Be a positive force and encourager in their lives. Don’t be a downer or a curmudgeon who just points out the negative or externalize the negative through what I say or the emotions I express. * Don’t miss an opportunity to let them know they are loved. Say “I love you” and “I miss you” and “I am thinking about you” whenever possible. |
| Be a servant, leader, provider, and protector to my wife and children, and to be a loving, caring, challenging, encouraging, and positive influence in their lives and those of my extended family. |
| **CREATE**  **My nature is to create** | **Terms**: Work, build, create, start-up, entrepreneurship, creativity, team, culture, organization, processes, systems |
| **Statement**: I will use my gifts and creative energies to build teams that solve important problems and needs. |
| * Find an important or challenging need and create an enterprise that can solve it. * Leverage risk taking and adventurous spirit to help get things started. * Use natural gifts of bringing multiple disciplines together to build a strategic plan and achieve goals. * Create a culture and work environment that sustains and excites people around a common purpose. * Focus on creating something valuable and not on simply making money. |
| Commit my work life to creating new enterprises, organizations, teams, and initiatives to solve challenging needs and goals and connect people to a higher purpose. |
| **SERVICE**  **Be a servant to all** | **Terms**: Service, volunteer, focused on others |
| **Statement**: Be a servant to all |
| * Always be looking for ways to serve others * Especially young people * Help people achieve their goals by providing input, guidance, and connections to others, even if in a small way. * Be active and invest time, talents, and gifts to the church and local community |
| Devote significant time, energy, and passion in serving and supporting friends, associates, my church, youth programs, men’s groups, local community, and disadvantaged people wherever and whenever I can. |
| **EDUCATION**  **Seek learning and aspire to wisdom** | **Terms**: Education, learn, teach, music, literature, honesty |
| **Statement**: Be curious and always seek knowledge and wisdom (i |
| * Read all the time and read a wide range of books and media * Surround myself and listen to people who are also tackling big ideas and seeking wisdom for themselves * Listen to all points of view and do not pre-judge anything * Journal to work through thoughts and ideas * Consider writing and sharing with others |
| Always be a constant learner and teacher and talk with people to test ideas and information with the goal of expanding personal wisdom and communal knowledge. |
| **ADVENTURE**  **Life is good. Enjoy it.** | **Terms**: Travel, adventure, outdoors, fishing, hunting, shooting, photography, hiking, family, friends, remember the sabbath |
| **Statement**: Be adventurous and enjoy the full experience of life |
| * Make plans every year to go to a new place and see and do new things * Make plans on weekends to get outside and apply myself to hobby or interest or simply go for hike * Take advantage of work travel to explore and be adventurous * Share hobbies and interests with others * Work to develop deeper level of competence and skill with hobbies |
| To make time and space for travel and time outdoors to see the world, witness the amazing beauty and majesty of the created order, and find spiritual renewal in connection with the natural world. |