

Chapter 1

The Five Family Statements™: Purpose, Vision, Mission, Values, and Strategy

The following worksheets are provided to help you create your own *Five Family Statements™*. You may also visit <http://prejects.org/5statements> for an online version of this worksheet that can be shared across the internet. This is especially useful for families with children away at college or busy, mobile teenagers at home.



Family Purpose Statement

Families are the ultimate *small group* and should be run like one, with the five *purposes* of the church, Yahweh's family, visible in the household. That means the family meets regularly (preferably daily around the breakfast and/or dinner table) and each purpose is *championed* by a different member of the family.

Families are organizations. The very first organization was a family (Adam & Eve, Cain & Abel). Organizational theory is birthed out of and defines family systems theory. Virtually every

organization wants to be a *family*. *Prejects.org* and *TheTurnaround.cc* help organizations learn how to be family; functional family.

The five purposes of the church manifest in families are: (service, helps, adoration, relationships, and education). They should be visible in all the family statements, but especially in the *Family Purpose Statement*, because they are the DNA of the family Yahweh intended when He designed them.

- Purpose, vision, and mission are imparted, so these statements need to be created by the parents and shared with the children. Values and strategies are negotiated, so these statements need to be created collaboratively among parents and children.
- As families grow (numerically, developmentally, experientially, spiritually) values and strategies can and should change, but the family's purpose should always remain consistent.

The *Family Purpose Statement* should be no more than a paragraph long, and preferably a sentence long. The shorter the statement the easier to commit to memory and the more likely it is to be incorporated into the lifestyle of each family member.

The *Family Purpose Statement* should be a statement about why the family exists and/or what it exists to do. e.g.:



Family Purpose Statement

The Middleton family exists to carry and demonstrate the grace of Yahweh, succeed at everything it attempts for Yahweh, and eloquently express the faith of Yahweh through word and deed.

Creating a Family Purpose Statement

1. What are the names of the people in your family?

2. What do those names mean?

3. Construct a sentence, utilizing the meanings of your family members' names, which expresses what you believe to be the reason why your family exists.



Family Vision Statement

Vision and sight are different. Vision is *imag-in-ation*; sight is *imag-out-ation*. The blind can have vision, while the seeing can lack imagination (*vision*). Vision is spiritual. Sight is physical. Adam and Eve had vision before they had or received sight. They were created visionaries who depended on vision to function and