

## PURPOSE & EXCELLENCE

### #8 Coaching Notes - Embark on Your Mission

#### 1. Embarking on Your Mission

Why Embark on Your Mission now? Because now you know yourself:

- You know your purpose – why you are here
- You have a vision – a picture of what it will look like when you have fulfilled your purpose
- You have set your values – chosen your standards or principles by which you live your life – saying this far I will go and no farther
- You have done your Personal SWOT – have a healthy estimation of your Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities & Threats

- You have received 360 Feedback from Others – got to hear what people think about how you can improve in Character, Competence and Connection with others

## **YOU ARE NOW READY TO SET OUT IN LIFE, PUTTING YOUR BEST FOOT FORWARD**

### **2. What is a Mission?**

*A Mission is “a specific task a person is charged with. It is a pre-established, often self-imposed objective”*

Your mission addresses the “how” of executing your purpose with excellence.

If you want to travel from your country to another that borders you, you can walk, drive in a private car, take the bus, train or plane. Therefore, if your vision

is the destination, your mission is the mode of travel you use to get to your destination.

For example:

**Purpose & Excellence Vision is:**

Globally competitive African economies fueled by purpose-driven, value-based, servant leaders that drive results with entrepreneurial excellence.

**Purpose & Excellence Mission is:**

Harness the power of social media to equip #100MillionAfricanLeaders for global influence

### 3. Elements of a Mission Statement

- SPECIFICALLY WHAT YOU DO
- SPECIFICALLY WHO YOU DO IT FOR
- SPECIFICALLY HOW YOU DO IT
- WHAT SPECIFICALLY YOU STAND FOR

Stephen Covey said:

*“A Mission statement is not something you write overnight...But fundamentally, your mission statement becomes your constitution, the solid expression of your vision and values. It becomes the criterion by which you measure everything else in your life.”*

### 4. God Will Guide Your Steps

There are many roads you can take to get somewhere but, there is a specific path God has in mind for you to walk.

*There is a path before each person that seems right, but it ends in death. Proverbs 16:25*

*We can make our plans, but the Lord determines our steps.” Proverbs 16:9*

*You can make many plans, but the Lord’s purpose will prevail. Proverbs 19:21*

*Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek His will in all you do, and He will show you which path to take. Proverbs 3:5,6*

*The Lord directs the steps of the godly. He delights in every detail of their lives. Psalm 37:23*

## 5. Your Mission Follows Process

The nation of Israel were given this Vision by God:

*To occupy a land filled with milk and honey (The Promised Land) (Genesis 12:1-3)*

In order to get there, their Mission was:

*To travel on foot from Egypt to Canaan (Exodus 3)*


Their mission was to travel from Egypt to Canaan but they had no idea how long it would take and the process they would have to go through as they embarked on their mission.

*Exodus 13:17-18: Then it came to pass, when Pharaoh had let the people go, that God did not lead them by way of the land of the Philistines, although that was near; for God said, “Lest perhaps the people change their minds when they see war, and return to Egypt.”<sup>18</sup> So God led the people around by way of the wilderness of the Red Sea. And the children of Israel went up in orderly ranks out of the land of Egypt.*

*Deuteronomy 1:2 “It is eleven days’ journey from Horeb by way of Mount Seir to Kadesh Barnea.”*

*Joshua 5:6 “The Israelites had traveled in the wilderness for forty years until all the men who were old enough to fight in battle when they left Egypt had died.”*

Remember, *“Life is a Mission, Not a Career”* Stephen Covey



You will have daily opportunities to choose to live out your purpose. Stay focused, stay consistent. Stay true. And submit yourself to God and He will show you which way to go as you embark on your mission.