

Family Game Plan

The one thing that most successful business or organizations have in common is that they have a mission, vision and a strategic plan. So why should we leave our families and our marriages to chance. The Following Game Planning tools are designed to help you begin asking questions that will lead you to intentionally planning for your family's success.

Guiding Questions

What is your family's mission/purpose?

How do you envision your family :

Five years from now?

Ten years from now?

Twenty years from now?

Fifty years from now?

WHAT IS MOST IMPORTANT TO YOU AS A COUPLE?

Where do friends fit into your lives?

How much "together time" do you want/need?

How much "me" time do you want/need?

How important is having a church family?

What are your plans to grow spiritually?

Where does service fit in?

Will you both work outside of the home? How can you both contribute to one another's career and/or personal growth goals?

How will you both contribute to the management of your home?

WHAT'S YOUR COMMUNICATION PLAN?

How much time will you commit to discussing progress towards your goals?

How do you communicate best (in writing, verbally, on the phone, text, etc)?

How will you share concerns, worries, and/or problems with one another?

What will be your plan for dealing with anger?

What are your thoughts about sharing occurrences within your family with others outside of your family (extended family, friends, colleagues, church members, pastor, etc.)?

How will decisions (major, minor, everyday decisions) be made?

WHAT ARE YOUR GOALS FOR PARENTING?

What are your beliefs about discipline?

What are your thoughts about schooling/education?

What is/will be the role for each of you as mother and father?

How do you define success?

What are the ultimate goals for your child(ren)?

How will you help them grow mentally, emotionally, socially and physically?

What will be the role of extended family members and friends in the lives of your children?

HOW WILL YOU MANAGE YOUR FINANCES?

Will you commit to faithfully tithing? 10%? More than 10%? What about a faithful offering?

Who will develop/manage the budget?

Will you have a joint bank account or separate accounts?

How much do you think you need to support the lifestyle you desire?

What are your plans for supporting your children through school/college?

What are your plans for retirement?

If the need arises, how will you manage giving financial support to family/friends?

OUR FAMILY GAME PLANNING WORKSHEET

Our Family Mission Is:

Our Family Goals for the year ____ are as follows:

GOALS	WHO WILL BE RESPONSIBLE	WHAT RESOURCES ARE NEEDED	HOW WILL WE KNOW WE'VE ACHIEVED OUR GOAL

Our Goals as a Couple for the year ____ are as follows:

GOALS	WHO WILL BE RESPONSIBLE	WHAT RESOURCES ARE NEEDED	HOW WILL WE KNOW WE'VE ACHIEVED OUR GOAL

We will monitor our goals (weekly, monthly, bi-monthly) in the following way:

Helpful Resources

Family Goal Setting Guide:

<http://www.mytimemanagement.com/family-goal-setting.html>

Spark Parenting: How to Set Family Goals:

http://www.sparkparenting.com/Tip_Sheet_Family_Goals.pdf

U-Gro Family Goal Setting:

<https://www.u-gro.com/2017/01/family-goal-setting/>

Mind Tools:

<https://www.mindtools.com/page6.html>

Every Woman's Marriage by Shannon Ethridge

Every Man's Marriage by Stephen Arterburn