

Andy's Vision Statement:

To Be A Valuable Commodity For Heaven And Earth.

Deeper meaning than it appears to contain...I could talk for hours about it! Tried to have balance in all I areas of life.

To be - Mental

A valuable commodity - Physical

For heaven - Spiritual

And earth - Social

(From Royal Rangers 4 ways a boy grows)

To Be The great question: To be, or not to be....one that has been being asked long before Hamlet was contemplating life or death in his waiting for Ophelia. But it IS a good question to ponder. Once answered, if it IS to be, then what am I TO BE?!? In making this the first priority in my personal mission statement, it lives where it deserves TO BE. . . On the top of my agenda. I have used that Royal Ranger code as the "fill in the blank" answer of what I should be: Alert, Clean, Honest, Courageous, Loyal, Courteous, Obedient & Spiritual (every point has basis on a Bible scripture). Also, this little phrase that begins my vision is an ode to the artistic side of me. This points to the deep thinking, pondering effort that I believe is the responsibility of every human being; the best tool, and the only one we truly possess, is our brain and its ability to create through the power of thought and ultimately brought to the world through the spoken word. It is our responsibility to guard what goes in our brain and how it is used and what comes out.

A Focus on one....single.... Thing! There are times when this is important. Balance is the key to life and there are times for plurality and times when laser-type focus is necessary for success. Nothing clarifies like measurability. Nothing motivates like results!

Isaiah 26:3 You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you.

Valuable Precious, obviously hard to acquire. Like a lynchpin, an element so critical to a system's operation, that when it is missing there are noticeable difficulties or the system fails to operate without it. With this valuable piece functioning properly, there is perfect efficiency to see and beauty is brought to the surroundings.

Commodity Easy to find, available anywhere. In balance and rightful placement of self worth, I realize that God has made his creation of which I am but one of billions that have been born and of the multitude of billions yet to come. Each one of us is just as precious to our Father as the next. Humility is important and must be accompanied with an attitude of gratitude.

For Benefits found beyond....shared with self and/or others. Giving from abundance and sacrifice. The starfish story; "it makes a difference to this one" is why I must persevere where I find my area of influence; to leave better the world from which I found it. My life will be blessed as I work to bless others in Jesus Holy Name.

Heaven

1 Peter 3:15

"But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect"

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Living in this world with heavenly purpose as worshipping God through the dangerous display of the bourgeois culture I believe He has called me to: Get married before I have children and strive to stay married for their sake. Get the education I need for gainful employment, work hard, and avoid idleness. Go the extra mile for my employer or client. Be a patriot, ready to serve the country where I temporarily occupy, remembering that my true home is in heaven. Be neighborly, civic-minded, and charitable. Avoid coarse language in public. Be respectful of authority. Eschew substance abuse and crime.

And Look at whole in business and personal endeavors. At work consider company, category, culture and consumer in order to provide lynchpin insight and values for lasting imprint. And balancing needs for personal activity that brings joy, happiness and fulfillment so that no regrets are felt at end of life.

Earth I am here for a time. Made in God's image as a reflection of his love here on earth. God created me in his image, the most powerful trait being the ability to create through the power of words (see "To Be"): We speak things into existence similar to how He does. Love, hate, excitement, affection and all of our life's experiences are built upon how we decide to invest our time, talent and treasure. Find the time to take care of my health, because I will always find the time to take care of my illness. (Quote from Margot Micallef)

Colossians 3:17

And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Psalm 27:7

Hear my voice when I call, Lord; be merciful to me and answer me

1 Cor 3:16 Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in your midst?

Psalm 55:22 Cast your cares on the Lord and he will sustain you; he will never let the righteous be shaken

Romans 12:2

Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

James 1:5 If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.

Proverbs 23:15 -16

My son, if your heart is wise, then my heart will be glad indeed; my inmost being will rejoice when your lips speak what is right.

Colossians 2:6-7

So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.

So in summary, my ACTIONS:

To be - Mentally aware and awake living in this present moment-READY!

A valuable commodity - Physically persistent for adding value to every equation, small or large.

For heaven - Spiritually relevant believing that GOD matters now and forever.

And earth - Socially responsible with balance to be in harmony with creation.