



Developing Your Governing Values

As members of World Conquerors Church, we are all on a journey to discover who we were born to be. One of the ways we can enhance this discovery process is to examine the way we live to discern if our lives reflect the things that are important to us. Developing Governing Values for yourself and/or your family can help you identify and live by the values that are most important to you and be accountable for how you conduct your life. The step-by-step exercise below can help you develop your Governing Values.

1. The list below is an example of things that some people value. Read through the list, take some time to think about the top 3 things that are important to you, and write them in the space provided. These are your Values. *This list is just an example, so feel free to come up with your own.*

- Spouse
- Financial security
- Personal health and fitness
- Children and Family
- Spirituality/Religion
- A sense of accomplishment
- Integrity
- Occupational satisfaction
- Love for others/Service
- Educational learning
- Self-respect
- Taking responsibility
- Exercising leadership
- Independence
- Courage
- Intelligence and wisdom
- Understanding
- Quality of life
- Happiness/Positive attitude
- Pleasure
- Self-control
- Ambition
- Being capable
- Imagination and creativity
- Forgiveness
- Generosity/Charity
- Equality
- Friendship
- Beauty
- Power

2. For each of your Values, write at least 2-3 sentences about why these things are important to you personally.
3. Write down at least one way you are currently living by your Values.

(If you are single, skip to step 6)

4. Discuss the similarities and differences between your Values and your partner's Values. Discuss why each person's Values are important and the ways each of you are living by your Values.
5. With your spouse, decide on a set of Values that are important to you both and that you and your family, if applicable, would like to live by.
6. For each of your Values, write out how these Values will help you reach the level you see yourself living at.
7. Thinking about your vision for your future, write down at least 6 specific ways you plan to live by each of your Values. This is your Action Plan. *Be sure to challenge yourself to grow by setting goals and including some things you are not currently doing.*
8. Using your Values, write a Mission Statement. Your 3-6 sentence Mission Statement should list your Values and summarize how these Values fit with your vision for your future.
9. Together, your Mission Statement and Action Plan make up your Governing Values. Be sure to put a date on your document and plan to review and update it every 3-6 months or as your personal or family situation changes.