

# CLEAN SLATE CLUB 2012

*Before we define a Family Mission, Family Values and Personal Goals – here are some great starter questions for discussion.*

What went really well for us in 2011? \_\_\_\_\_

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What didn't go well in 2011? \_\_\_\_\_

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What areas caused the most stress for our family? \_\_\_\_\_

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What does our family do best? What are we known for? \_\_\_\_\_

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How does God want to use us in 2012? \_\_\_\_\_

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How does God want to use us as a family in our lifetime? \_\_\_\_\_

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What did you want to accomplish in 2011 that you didn't? \_\_\_\_\_

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What do we need to stop doing or eliminate from the schedule? \_\_\_\_\_

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How are we adjusting our family life and schedule to meet the needs of each child?

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NOTE: Factor in prayer time before or after this discussion to let God guide how He wants to lead your family next year and in the future.

# FAMILY MISSION:

Take a moment to define the overall mission of your family. This could be something your kids could memorize and you frame in your home. The over-arching simple statement that helps your filter between what's important and what's urgent. Your guiding principle. Where are we going as a family?

## EXAMPLES:

*The DeFeo family purpose is to make a lasting impact on others lives and love like Jesus Christ.*

*Our family loves God faithfully, each other unconditionally and others like Jesus.*

## OTHER SOURCES:

*"To make a difference in the world, a single light, shining brightly in such a way that we keep Jesus our focus, listen closely to His voice & enjoy life. So that we can say at the end of the day, we've touched others & thrived."*

[\(http://wearethatfamily.com/2010/01/creating-family-mission-statement/\)](http://wearethatfamily.com/2010/01/creating-family-mission-statement/)

How to create a family mission statement:

<http://simplemom.net/back-to-the-basics-create-a-family-mission-statement>

## YOUR TURN!

This exercise could take some time. Write your ideas down as a couple and get your kids thoughts if old enough. Just like in business, it should be a statement that motivates the team. One that stretches your family to a place they are headed. Something they get excited about and can work towards together. Once finished, decide how to display. I will post ideas later on the blog.

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# FAMILY VALUES OR GOALS:

This is how you will accomplish that mission and the values that your family holds dear. I love that this is what sets your family apart. You can talk to your children even during correction or encouraging – to affirm why something is so important. It goes back to the core values YOUR family has chosen to hold as the priority. And, it would be great to add a scripture verse to each value if possible. It helps to think, “What do we want our family legacy to be? What will be known for in the community?”

Examples: Ours are inspired by my friend Kylie's blog. See this post for hers.

<http://www.onalightstand.blogspot.com/2011/10/my-commitment-to-you.html>

DeFeo Family Values:

1. We will be centered on CHRIST – Through time in the Word, prayer, church, small groups, ABC Scripture cards with girls
2. We will LOVE – God first, as a couple, as a family – and those in our lives
3. We will GIVE – Using our time, resources, money and energy – we will generously give to our church, ministries and people that God puts on our hearts
4. We will have FUN – Through family vacations, spontaneous days of fun, adventures with friends/family - we will enjoy life together.
5. We will ENCOURAGE – This should be the core of how we operate. We love like Jesus through encouragement. We will take every opportunity to impact the lives of others.

You can do this any way that works! You could have your mission be longer and then a set of goals that are measurable for each year. Or, simple/short mission with corresponding values and THEN a set of annual goals! I don't want to overwhelm you, but there really are no rules. It's your family. I think the idea is to give overall guidance and intention and purpose to help filter your decisions and priorities. That's why we are doing it. We want our kids to be clear on our commitments and our most important issues in our home.

**YOUR TURN!** Give it some time. If they don't flow right away, pray for clarity.

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# PERSONAL GOALS:

You can go nuts with this exercise and take it as far as you like. Getting the above items completed is HUGE. If you have time, consider getting your personal goals down. So, each spouse would determine how they are going to specifically do things to help get the family mission accomplished.

Example: Here are the things I think will make the biggest difference in my life this year.

1. Give God my first, let Him lead
2. Make HOME Ron's best source of praise, respect and love
3. Lead my family to healthy lifestyle
4. Make each child feel uniquely valued
5. FOCUS my business and schedule to create more margin

OTHER OPTION: To add yet another layer, you could add some goals for each child depending on their age.

**YOUR TURN!** Take a stab at writing your personal goals for the year. NO GUILT! NO GUILT!

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