**Perhaps you have wondered which of your many duties are the most important. To be able to answer this question you must understand your purpose and know how effective use of time can help you fulfill this purpose. Key indicators have been identified by Church leaders to help you focus on this purpose. As you focus on these indicators you will help people progress towards baptism, confirmation, continued activity in the Church, and lasting conversion. (PMG)**

**I am assigned to do the Lord’s work in a specific area. He wants me to watch over my area with love and great care. My purpose is to help others come unto him through baptism (non-member) and confirmation. (PMG)**

**I am expected to devote all my time and attention to serving the Lord, leaving behind all other personal affairs. When I accepted my call, I promised to live by these standards. I am accountable to the Lord and to the leaders of the Church for how well I honor this promise. I will always keep in mind the importance of my calling. (WHB)**

**I will invite others to come unto Christ by helping them receive the restored gospel through faith in Jesus Christ and His Atonement, repentance, baptism (non-member), receiving the gift of the Holy Ghost, and enduring to the end. This is my calling, this is my purpose, and my success as a missionary will be measured primarily by my commitment to find, teach, baptize (non-member), and confirm people and to help them (the people you just baptized) become faithful members of the Church who enjoy the presence of the Holy Ghost. (PMG)**

**My mission president has been called of God and set apart. He holds the keys to preside over the mission and direct the work (see D&C 65:2; 124:143). He will help me maintain my spiritual and temporal welfare and help me fulfill my purpose as a missionary. He assigns district and zone leaders to help him strengthen, support, and train me in my work. He also assigns two elders as assistants to help him plan, prepare, and present training and supervise the work. (WHB)**

Q. What is my purpose in the \_\_M?

A.

Q. How will we know if we are successful at accomplishing said purpose?

A.

Q. What is our goal as a mission with relation to our purpose? What do we specifically hope to accomplish this week? Month? Year?

A.

Q. What is my primary responsibility as a missionary in Christ’s service?

A.

Q. What are my secondary responsibilities as a missionary in Christ’s service?

A.

Q. Would Christ ever tell me to switch my primary roles with my secondary roles? Why not?

A.

Q. How is my Mission President helping me fulfill my purpose as a missionary? What is his vision for the mission as a whole with respect to your purpose as missionaries specifically? How does he plan to help you find, teach, and baptize and be a successful missionary?

A.

Q. Can I be a successful missionary if I don’t tract, street contact, and open my mouth to non-members and invite them to act? Why not? How has my Mission President taught this?

A.

**Weekly Planning Session (PMG)**

1. **Pray**
2. **Investigators Baptized and Confirmed this week**
3. **Investigators with Date**
4. **Investigators attend sacrament**
5. **Progressing Investigators**
6. **All other investigators**
7. **Contacting Referrals for new investigators**
8. **Get more referrals for new investigators**
9. **Recent Converts and Less Actives**
10. **Find new investigators**
11. **Ward Council**
12. **Other Meetings**
13. **Companionship Inventory**

**Key Indicators (Missionary Daily Planner/ PMG)**

* **Investigators baptized/confirmed**
* **Investigators with a baptismal date**
* **Investigators at sacrament meeting**
* **Lessons taught with a member present**
* **Other lessons taught**
* **Progressive investigators**
* **Referrals received and contacted**
* **New investigators**
* **Lessons taught to recent converts and less-active members**

Q. Why are the key indicators (and weekly planning session) aligned from most important to least important? If you had a limited amount of time in each day, which indicators and events would take top priority?

A.

Q. You have a less-active member who needs to be taught as well as an investigator who is to be baptized this Sunday, and only time for one appointment; who do you teach? Why?

A.

Q. If you have 25 progressive investigators all with a baptismal date, all eagerly waiting every appointment and keeping every commitment, taking up all of your time as a missionary, would you cancel an appointment with one of them to go finding? Why not?

A.

Q. Would you ever be teaching a less-active/recent convert if you were in the same situation described above? Why not? What is your main purpose and focus?

A.

Q. Looking at the key indicators and weekly planning session, does this confirm your purpose as a missionary? How so?

A.

Q. Looking at the key indicators and weekly planning session, how do they help you stay accountable to your purpose? How do they help you be successful in your purpose when used properly?

A.

**You may take an hour for lunch and additional study and an hour for dinner at times during the day that fit best with your proselyting time. Normally, dinner should be finished no later than 6:00 p.m. Your mission president will decide with the stake president to what extent members will provide meals for missionaries. Meal appointments should be an hour or less and should not interfere with prime proselyting time. Ask the ward mission leader to emphasize having less-active and part-member families and investigators provide meals. Ask members whom they know that you could teach, just as you would in any other visit. (WHB)**

Q. Should the missionaries be setting the dinner appointments that fit best with their proselyting time, or should members be setting dinner appointments and missionaries then arrange their teaching schedule around the members? Why?

A.

Q. When should dinner appointments be started no later then? How many hours a day do you have as a missionary to eat and have extra study? Does this include travel time? Why?

A.

Q. What is the purpose of the dinner and how does it relate to my calling and purpose? If dinner appointments are not helping me find, teach, and baptize, what do they become?

A.

Q. Who should be in charge of when a dinner is, who is there, what is taught, how long it is, and otherwise everything else that goes on with a dinner appointment? If that is not currently the case in my area what has occurred, and who has given up their rights, privileges, powers, and keys?

A.

Q. Will I be held accountable for wasting the Lord’s time doing things that do not help me find, teach, and baptize the Lord’s children in my area? How so? Why?

A.

**When invited by the bishop, attend the part of priesthood executive committee or ward council meetings when missionary work is discussed. Also attend the weekly coordination meeting with the ward mission leader. You will not normally attend other Church meetings unless invited to do so. (WHB)**

**You may often be invited to attend ward council and priesthood executive committee meetings. Your first priority is to make sure that your investigators are at Church. Frequently this will mean that you will accompany them. If there is a conflict between attending ward council meeting and getting someone to church, do that latter. In this case, provide a copy of the Progress Record to the ward mission leader and ensure that he has all the information needed for ward council or priesthood executive committee. (PMG)**

Q. What is my primary responsibility on Sunday? Is that any different than any other day of the week? Why?

A.

Q. Can I attend young men’s priesthood class on Sunday if I am not invited? What if I was invited? What if I have a 17 year old male investigator at church; do I need to be invited then? Why?

A

Q. Is your primary responsibility getting investigators to church (non-members) or getting less active’s back to church? Why? Who has primary responsibility for reactivating less actives?

A.

**After you have been transferred from the ward or branch, receive your mission president’s authorization before communicating with converts of the opposite sex while you are still in the mission field. Never be alone with, flirt with, or associate in any other inappropriate way with anyone of the opposite sex. You and your companion should not visit or accept rides from individuals of the opposite sex unless another responsible adult of your own sex is also present. Always obey this rule, even if the situation seems harmless. You can often avoid these situations if you emphasize teaching families and involve members in every teaching appointment, if at all possible. (WHB)**

Q. Can you write letters to, call, or anywise communicate with converts who are of the opposite sex without the mission president’s authorization? Why?

A.

Q. Are there ways to teach a member of the opposite sex without a member present? How so?

A.

Q. How has your mission president helped with making teaching all of the Lords children all the time a reality in your mission?

A.

Q. What is the current age bracket for members of the opposite sex that you can’t be alone with, if any? What is the age bracket for “responsible adults” of your own sex, if any? If there are no brackets for members of the opposite sex, and the age bracket for “responsible adults” is extremely high, what is your mission president doing to make sure these investigators get taught?

A.

Q. What are some ways that a mission president can and will help all the investigators be taught within his mission boundaries? Why is this crucial for a mission president to do?

A.

Q. What are some ways that the rule can hinder you and your purpose as a missionary? How do you overcome these obstacles while still being obedient? How crucial is it that your mission president assists in this?

A.

Q. What are the reasons behind the caution in teaching members of the opposite sex? Does this change your purpose as a missionary? Should this caution keep you from teaching investigators all together? Why not?

A.

Q. Protection against sin and keeping your image/reputation positive are the blessings associated with obedience to this commandment. What are some ways that you can lose these blessings while still remaining obedient to this commandment?

A.

Q. Can you lose the blessings associated with a commandment while still being obedient to the letter of the law? What is then more important, being obedient to the letter of the law or making sure you do not do anything that would jeopardize your ability to receive the said blessings?

A.