

Helen Keller once said, “As selfishness and complaint pervert [corrupt] the mind, so love with its joy clears and sharpens the vision.” Helen Keller had all the reasons in the world to complain. She became deaf and blind early and faced seemingly insurmountable obstacles. However, Helen persevered through her barriers and became a brilliant author and activist. There is a wonderful lesson to be learned from her story and these wise words of hers. In this paper, I will discuss my mission, vision for ten years from now, values, and goals.

My mission is to **shine as a light pointing to Jesus**. I try to do this by loving others and displaying joy even in the most troubling times. Jesus said, “Let your light shine before others so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven” (Matthew 5:16). But what does it mean to let your light shine before others? Well, I believe this means to reflect Jesus. I try my best to shine as a light pointing to Jesus by treating others with kindness and encouragement. I also do this by displaying joy, even when I am not necessarily feeling happy. God has blessed me with a steadfast joy that is not dependent on how I am feeling at a given moment. So, even when I’m not feeling my best, I can display joy and, to the best of my abilities, brighten somebody’s day.

There’s a lot that can change in ten years. For instance, just ten years ago, I was ten years old in the fourth grade, preparing myself for middle school! However, it is always beneficial to plan things out! In ten years, I see myself living in San Diego. I am leaning towards living in San Diego after graduation because I have lived here most of my life and most of my extended family lives nearby. If I do stay in San Diego, as I envision myself doing, I see myself working

as an audit manager at Lavine, Lofgren, Morris & Engelberg, LLP. However, I will explore internships at a variety of firms doing both tax and audit accounting to make a final determination of what kind of job I would like to earn in the next ten years. I would also love to be married and start a family in the next ten years. Although I do not think I can accomplish this in ten years, I would love to have four children, three girls, and one boy. I would also love for my whole family to live an active lifestyle where we go on frequent hikes and trips to the snow!

Three values I hold close to in my life are God, family, and inclusivity. God is at the center of every decision I make and the way I treat others. I try to make my life revolve around honoring the LORD and shining as a light to Him. Recently, I have gone to church on a weekly basis and spent time outside of church studying the Word to remain close to Him through this busy season of my life. I love my family, and they have taught me so much and worked so hard to provide me with opportunities that I am so thankful for. I show my family that I value them by calling them often to discuss our lives and ask for advice. More recently, I have driven my siblings to and from different extracurricular activities to give my parents a break from the hustle and bustle of their everyday lives. Inclusivity is a characteristic that is of paramount importance to me. I have always tried to find ways to include others in social situations so that nobody feels left out. Just the other day, I added a free agent to both my basketball team and my volleyball team. I do not know him yet, but I wanted him to feel included, and I hope to grow closer to him as we play sports together.

Here are some specific, measurable goals I would like to accomplish:

1. To graduate from Point Loma Nazarene University in May 2025 with a Bachelor's of Accounting with a GPA of at least 3.8. Then, I would like to graduate with a Master's of Accounting after the 2025 summer term.
2. To have already signed a contract to work a full-time job in accounting before I graduate from PLNU.
3. To be completely self-sufficient one or two years after graduation. I will accomplish this goal by gaining the skills necessary to move out of my parent's home and into my own, like cooking and cleanliness.

Here are some more non-concrete goals I would like to accomplish:

1. I would love to regain an interest in reading.
2. I want to learn how to ski, surf, and play golf.
3. I would love to create a gym routine that works for me and helps me reach my fitness goals.

In this paper, I discussed my mission, vision, values, and goals. My life is going to change dramatically over the next ten years and beyond. Helen Keller's life changed dramatically after receiving higher education. Like Helen Keller, I always want to love others and have joy, so that no matter what difficulties life throws at me, my vision can still be crystal clear.