What is this document?

I have learned that I do not have to be the product of the programming I have received up to this point in my life. I understand that...

- I have freedom of choice as to who I want to be.
- I am solely responsible for who I am and who I become.
- God has equipped me, and will continue to equip me, for who he has called me to be.
- I will answer to Him for how I used the life resources He provided.
- This life is a temporary one that is only a small part of my eternal life.
- I do not have to live out this life alone; I have the strength of Jesus Christ [Phil. 4:13].

Because of these facts, I will not rely upon the plan that may be given to me (by default or by those around me in the absence of my own plan). I am choosing to write my own life's plan. This document is that plan.

To the best of my ability, I am basing this plan on the principles in the Word of God and the life of Jesus Christ as described there [Deut. 6:1-2; 1 John 2:6]. Whenever possible, I will base all aspects of my plan on specific Scripture and cite the references for each point.

This is a living document in that I will continuously work to improve it and adapt it as necessary to my changing circumstances. Though the Scriptural foundation of this plan will not change, the circumstances of my life that are beyond my control will change. I must be able to adapt to those changes as I believe God would have me to.

How is this document structured?

I have broken (and prioritized) my life into eight Life Roles listed below:

1. Sold-out Disciple of Jesus
2. Intentional Individual
3. Loving Husband
4. Godly Father
5. Faithful Steward of God's Business
6. Servant Leader at Church
7. Compassionate Neighbor
8. Loyal Friend

For each of these roles, I have written a brief summary description of what I believe that role looks like. Again, I have cited Scripture to support my descriptions. I have also included positive affirmations for each role to help me to visualize my living out of each role with maximum effectiveness.

I have also included specific Annual Goals that I believe will best help me to fill the Life Roles. These goals are set annually and adjusted, if necessary, during the year. When possible, these goals will be specific, measurable, attainable, realistic, and timely. When possible, I will document and track my progress toward these goals.