

My Retirement Vision

This worksheet is designed to help you create a vision for your retirement. Vision statements are often confused with mission statements. Vision statements and mission statements are complimentary, yet very dissimilar. I've created a separate "My Personal Mission Statement" worksheet available for download at www.coachwinretirement.com.

Here's the main difference between the two. Your Personal Vision Statement should be *future oriented* whereas your Personal Mission Statement needs to reflect your activities *in the present tense* or what you are or will soon be engaged in. It should point to who or what will likely benefit from the activities in your Personal Mission Statement. In short, your Personal Vision Statement should describe a scenario or a world you are working towards and would like to see.

Building your retirement vision

If you research this topic, you will find there are several typical suggestions to help you create a vision statement for your retirement. One obvious one is to consider what you would say if you were to write your own eulogy. A second suggestion is to create a business card that conveys what you are doing in elderhood (retirement) just as a regular business card conveys what a person does for work in adulthood (job title, profession and industry). You'll find several other suggestions which may or may not work for you.

Here are a few of my thought-provoking questions for you to reflect on that may help you arrive at a retirement vision for yourself. Keep in mind that it should be reflective of your Personal Mission Statement since the two are complimentary.

What would you want your community, city, state or the world to look like based on your values or what is important to you?

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If you could wave a magic wand just once and make your wish come true, what would you wish for?

What problem, situation or issue do you want to see eliminated?

Components of a good Personal Vision Statement:

- It is simple and concise.
- It is easy to understand.
- It should be relevant to or for you
- It is consistent with your core values.
- It does not use jargon or buzzwords.
- It should be limited to one sentences and no more.

That's about it. The rest requires some introspection and self-reflection on your part and revising or editing of your draft vision statement until you are happy with it, are strongly committed to it, and it's consistent with your core values. If you need it, a worksheet to help identify or arrive at your two or three most important core values is available for download at my website.

Good luck!

If you would like me to review and comment on both your Personal Vision Statement and Personal Mission Statement, I can do so for \$25. If you would like me to review BOTH your Personal Vision Statement and your Personal Mission Statement with a one-time audio or video session, my fee is \$75. Simply send both your final vision statement and mission statement to coachwin@outlook.com. I will acknowledge receipt and we'll proceed from there.