

# **Sustaining My Mission**

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## I. Introduction.

A. Skills, habits and relationships must be strengthened to sustain the mission.

B. Repetition produces skills.

## II. Important skills to develop.

A. One must learn to master his moods.

1. One must do the task now without delay.

a. Motion creates emotion.

b. It is easier to act one's way into a feeling than to feel one's way into an action.

2. One must affirm God's Word.

a. The quickest way to change the life is to change the thinking.

b. Affirmation is consciously choosing what one is going to focus on.  
(Philippians 4:13)

B. One must maintain his focus.

1. We get distracted. (Luke 9:62)

2. Develop the habit of reviewing your life.

a. Review goals and values.

b. Remind yourself why you are doing what you are doing.

c. Read God's Word and review important verses daily. (Psalm 119)

C. One must manage his time. (Proverbs 12:11)

1. Develop the habit of scheduling values.

2. Set your schedule before someone else does it for you.

D. One must maximize his talents.

1. These talents reveal God's will for you.

2. God wants a person to develop his talents.

3. Develop the habit of life-long learning. (Proverbs 19:8)

4. Develop the habit of life-long service. (I Corinthians 3:13)

**Application questions:**

1. Why is it important to develop skills in order to maintain the mission?

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2. How can one improve his or her time management?

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3. What are you doing to maximize your talents? How can you do more to improve the gifts God has given you?

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