

A PATTERN FOR LIVING

Service in All Seasons

**Create a
Family
Service
Card
(CFSC)**

Creating a Family Service Card is one way for a family be able to focus their goals, usually on a yearly basis, but this could be done quarterly, monthly, or however it best suits your family and “Season.”

A Family Service Card ideally consists of a “Mission Statement” for the family. A family consists of whomever is living in your home a the time you create your card whether one member or more. This statement could include scriptures, mottos, uplifting quotations, etc. For example, “As for me and my house, we will service the Lord. Joshua 24:15” or “Service is the Staff of Life.” This statement goes on one side of the card; the other side would consist of a list of goals. One way to list the family goals is to spell out the family name; i.e.: Smith -- **S**erve the Lord; **M**issionary service; **I**mprove yourself; **T**rust in the Lord; **H**ear the Holy Ghost. The key is to **KISS** it -- **K**ee**P** **I**t **S**imple **S**illy. However you and your family choose to outline your family goals will work just as well.

An excellent way of deciding your family mission statement and goals is to pick a family home evening and dedicate it for this purpose. Everyone in your household should be involved. After you have chosen your “theme” and your goals, your next step is decide how to create your **Family Service Card**. This can be done as easily as hand printing it on card stock paper to computer printing business-type cards. The purpose of this card is for each member of the family to have a convenient reference to your goals whether kept in a wallet, posted on a lamp-shade, magnet on a fridge, or taped to your bathroom mirror. The possibilities are only limited by your imagination. Materials can be purchased at any local variety store. Pre-sized, pre-cut business cards ready for computer printing are available anywhere office supplies are sold. You may want to share this idea with friends and other family members in order to share the “cost of convenience” when buying the prepared business cards. Cards come 10 per page, 150 per box. These cards can also be hand written on if you prefer. Feel free to use stickers, drawings, or scrap-booking materials. Use anything that may be hanging around your home to make these cards more personal.

As we keep seasonal reminders around our home, we may want to post our

family's "mission statement" where it is readily seen by all. Some ideas may be framing it as a picture, a needlepoint, cross-stitch, or calligraphy, again, this is limited only by your imagination. It does not have to be expensive or ornate. Remember to **KISS** it to save time and money.

Most of all, **HAVE FUN, BE CREATIVE**, let inspiration be your guide. Be it Spring, Summer, Fall or Winter in your life, finding ways to enrich, teach and train you and your family on a daily, weekly, monthly, or yearly basis is worthy of your time and efforts.

**Man is that he might have joy...
May we receive Joy through Service.**