

LESSON 11

STRONG ROOTS



HABIT 2: BEGIN WITH THE END IN MIND

encourages us to write a Personal Mission Statement. A Personal Mission Statement is like a motto of our life.

IMAGINE YOUR LIFE IS A TREE WITH ROOTS TO MAKE IT STRONG.

A Personal Mission Statement is like the roots of a tree—it reminds you what you stand for. When life throws you a storm, you stay strong because your roots run deep.

If your best friend decides not to be a friend anymore, if you mess up your piano recital, or if you don't make the team, you are strong because your roots run deep. You can handle it because you know what you stand for.

Your Personal Mission Statement can be short or long. It can be a poem or a song. It can be a picture. It can say how you will be a leader. As long as it represents you, it's a great mission statement!

EXAMPLES OF MISSION STATEMENTS:

"ALWAYS BE MY BEST."

—ERIC, AGE 13

"THE FUTURE IS MINE."

—NEELA, AGE 14

"I WILL BE KIND TO ALL LIVING THINGS."

—LUANA, AGE 13

KEY CONCEPT:
PERSONAL MISSION STATEMENT®





To get started on your **Personal Mission Statement**, answer this question:

If time and money were no object, what would you do?



CONTINUE TO WORK ON YOUR PERSONAL MISSION STATEMENT. CHECK ON PROGRESS WITH YOUR ACCOUNTABILITY PARTNER IN ONE WEEK.