Personal Manifesto Template

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Here’s where you put a summary of what’s important to you.

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Things I WON’T Tolerate
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My Core Values
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My “Pillars”
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Here’s My Personal Manifesto

*Time is a great teacher, but unfortunately it kills all its pupils.* Hector Berlioz

I live the good life, not the goods life. Clothes, transportation, and shelter are necessary to carry out my daily life. Thus, I need a car to get from point A to point B, nothing more. I live in a place that shelters me from the elements and provides me with “sanctuary” from the hectic pace of the outside world. I wear basic clothes because I’d rather be comfortable than fashionable. Simplicity is the key. Simplifying the mundane allows me to focus on other areas of my life that excite me and give me value. I then pass this value on to others.

I am no one’s savior! It is not my job to fix people. I am not atlas hoisting up the world on my shoulders. I will assist in whatever way I can, but I must allow a person to make his/her choice and to face the consequences of his/her actions.

The way I respond to people is a reflection of my own belief system. People have the right to their opinions no matter how erudite or imbecilic those opinions may be. It’s none of my business what they think of me anyway.

**Things I WON’T Tolerate**

1. Doing something that someone else volunteered me to do
2. Meetings with no agendas (except mandatory work-related meetings)
3. Pointless arguments
4. Putting a burden on me that the other person won’t (not can’t) carry
5. Intimidation, threats, bullying, etc.

**My Core Values**

- **Authenticity** – I prefer a small group of “real” friends than a large group of acquaintances.
- **Creativity** – I can help people effectively when my individuality is allowed to blossom. Being able to express myself in such a fashion nourishes my soul.
- **Independence** – I do not like to lead nor do I like to follow. I am content to be free to carry out my own projects on my own terms.
- **Detachment** – This is the most important, yet most misunderstood value. It does not mean that I don’t care, it means that I refuse to get caught up in the drama of a situation. Life goes on and this too shall pass.

**My “Pillars”**

- Luke 12:48 - To much is given, much is required
- *Entia non sunt multiplicanda praeter necessitatem.*
- *Between the idea and the reality, between the motion and the act, falls the shadow.* T.S. Eliot
- *The way you are is a reflection of who you are.* Shayla D. Williams, Ph.D.