

DOUGLAS A. SMITH -- MISSION

My life is fulfilled by acting in a manner consistent with this mission.

In a world of scarcity, I will act with abundance. In a world of fear, I will act with love. In a world of anger and retribution, I will act with forgiveness. In a world that is fragmented, I will integrate all aspects of my life. In a world of materialism, I will be guided by my spirit and a concern for what is enduring. I will live a life of love.

I will grow. I will learn to listen before speaking. I will learn patience. I will increasingly overcome my selfish desires. I will not let the pettiness and the frustration or challenges of the moment mask the significance and the beauty of the gifts and the life I have been given. I will remain appreciative and grateful. I will develop and utilize my talents for the enhancement of this world.

I will serve my family for it is through them that I create the greatest value. I remain faithful to the vows I made to my wife nearly fifty years ago through consistently "loving, honoring, cherishing and serving" her. My wife and I create a home which is constant and abundant in its love and security and is therefore conducive to each of us leading successful, meaningful, and fulfilling lives. As the primary wage earner, I provide financial well-being to enable our family to function. Finally, I remain a friend and support to my extended family and all those who with whom I come in contact.

I will serve my vocation for it is through work that I develop and direct many of my humble talents.

My work is to understand what leads to a meaningful, flourishing life, to live consistent with this understanding and to help others do the same. First, as a co-founder of Positive Foundry, LLC, I bring the science of positive psychology to the corporate world and eventually our educational institutions, such that our clients flourish. Second, as a board member and a winter term faculty member at DePauw, I enhance the lives of the students and others I serve through sharing my knowledge and experience concerning flourishing ... what is it, what leads to it and what does not lead to it ... to help others increasingly live considered, consequential and accomplished lives. As a leader of classes at Canyon Ranch and in speaking at various venues across the country, my work here too is centered on enabling people to live more fulfilling, loving lives. As an author, I will publish a 2nd book entitled ***Flourishing in the 2nd Half of Life***. Finally, I will serve as an effective and trusted advisor to various CEO's and leaders, of both corporations and not-for-profit organizations, helping these leaders create abundant, flourishing organizations through clarifying their visions and increasingly engaging all their stakeholders in the pursuit of that vision.

I will serve the communities within which I live and work, for it is through this service that I am able to give back a portion of what I have received. I serve the communities through giving 10% of our income and increasingly larger percentage of my time to causes which enhance our communities. DePauw University, cancer (particularly blood cancer) and the protection of the Adirondack wilderness are priority areas of my service.

I will serve the substantive needs of self, for I can only achieve this mission by caring and nurturing myself. I do this **daily** by being physically active, eating well, by nourishing my soul through reflection and worship and by continuing to expand my mind and vision through continuous learning.

By fulfilling this mission I find meaning and value in life, the world finds meaning and value in me and I find joy in this journey we call life.