

TIM TEBOW

MISSION

MINDSET

TH



MISSION: MINDSET

AN 8-WEEK JOURNEY TO HELP SHAPE THE WAY YOU THINK

TIM TEBOW

MISSION: MINDSET

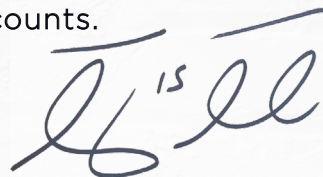
TF

WELCOME TO MISSION MINDSET

A **Mission Mindset** is one of intentionality, focus, willingness, and endurance that **equips you to boldly pursue** your **God-given purpose** and **passion**.

If you're on a journey seeking your purpose, in need of some encouragement, or simply interested in learning more about the power of a mindset, I'd like to invite you to sign up here!

Together, let's create a life that counts.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tebow '15", with a stylized flourish.

SETTING THE STAGE

HEY FAM! WELCOME TO MISSION MINDSET.

I developed this content series because I truly believe we all have a mission! Whether you realize it or not, you are uniquely created for a specific purpose. You're not just here by happenstance or by accident. No. You are fearfully and wonderfully made, an image-bearer of God, and are called to something great... something greater than yourself!

I believe God has a plan and purpose for your life, and I believe that purpose is also your mission. **I love the word mission: a task or job that someone is given to do.** What's interesting about our English word 'mission' is that it comes from a 16th century Latin word meaning 'to send.' See, I also believe God has sent us here for a reason. In **Matthew 22:37-39**, Jesus clearly lays out our job - what we were sent here to do: to love Him and love others. This is our greatest purpose.

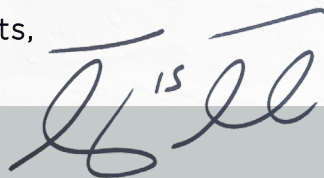
But more specifically, you have an individual mission in life as well. The mission can be different for each person or sometimes the mission can be shared. Maybe you don't know what your mission is yet or have lost sight of it. That's ok. Each Monday, my goal is to come alongside you and help redefine the way you think.

I don't necessarily know what your unique purpose is, but I do know that everything we do starts between the ears, in our head, with our thoughts. To be successful on your mission, you've got to have the right mindset. So I've come up with an acronym for **M.I.N.D.S.E.T.** - a set of attitudes that I will share to help you start, grow, and sustain a mission-possible life.

As we dive in, my prayer is that week after week I can provide nuggets of truth we all can use on a daily basis to move us closer to accomplishing our mission. So buckle up. My mission right now...is your mindset.

And it begins by knowing your (M)aker.

Go create a life that counts,



Dig Deeper:

On a piece of paper, take inventory of your current thought life. What are the things you think about most throughout your day? This will give you a baseline of where your head is at as we move forward week to week.

OR

On a piece of paper, write out what your mission in life is. If you're not sure, write out the things you care deeply about. Has God ever opened your eyes or pricked your heart for a specific need or cause?

Sneak peek: M - Knowing Your (M)aker



MAKER

Hey Fam!

WELCOME TO PART TWO

OF MISSION MINDSET.

Recap from Setting The Stage: You have a mission. Everything you do starts with your thoughts. In order to achieve the things you say you want to achieve, you must create a mental framework that drives you toward your end goal. That's why I've come up with an acronym to help us. Because to live on mission, we need to have the right *M.I.N.D.S.E.T.*

Think about it. Almost everything you interact with on a daily basis has been built, made, or designed. Your cell phone, the parts in your cell phone, your car, the highways you drive on, the building you work in, your laptop, your house, the clothes you wear, etc. All those things are created for a specific intention and function.

Just like a painting has an artist, and a skyscraper has an architect, it makes sense that the universe we live in has a Creator. And as I mentioned last week, our Creator has made you on purpose, with purpose. No matter who you are or where you're at, there is a reason why you are here. And I'll tell you what, it's not just for money, success, or to build a comfortable life. Can that be part of your life? Sure. But that can't be your mission. If it is, I'm sorry. You're missing out. Your life is so much more! Your mission is so much more!

MISSION: MINDSET

Continued

A Mission M.I.N.D.S.E.T. starts by knowing your Maker.

God first. Period.

Listen, you don't have a mission without your **Maker**. You don't have purpose without your **Maker**. You're not going to have a lasting impact without your **Maker**. Our **Maker** is the one who gives us these things.

See, when we know our **Maker**, we can know three of the most important things in life: the Person of God, the plan of God, and the purpose of God.

We know the Person of God through His Son, Jesus, through what He did on the cross and how it counted for us. We get to know the plan of God through His Word (the Bible). And we get to live out the purpose of God when we put His Word into action.

A Mission Mindset starts by first recognizing where our mission came from and who it is for. The apostle Paul wrote, **"So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God."** (1 Cor. 10:31).

It's for Him, it's with Him, it's through Him. Why?

Because He **made** us.

Go create a life that counts,

TT

Dig Deeper:

Create a list of all the things that have purpose in your life. How many of these things were built, created, designed, or made? Thank God for His creativity, provision, and care.

OR

Take some quiet time today and meditate on the fact that your mission is from and for your Maker. It's only because of Him that we get to live on mission.



INTERRUPTIBLE

Week 3 ...

LET'S GET IT!

Recap from Maker: A Mission Mindset starts by knowing your Maker. Your mission is from Him, with Him, through Him, and for Him.

Happy Mission Mindset Monday fam! As we continue to develop attitudes around making our mission count, the 'I' in M.I.N.D.S.E.T. stands for **Interruptible**.

Be Interruptible.

Have you ever planned or scheduled something and it didn't go the way you intended it? How did you react? With frustration? Anger? Bitterness? Anxiety? Trust me, I'll be the first to say that I can get a little annoyed when things don't go as planned. But the reality is this: **plans change. The market takes a turn. You lose your job. You don't receive the scholarship you wanted. A storm cloud pops up out of nowhere. You get a flat tire on the highway.** Life is such...and we usually don't like it.

But let's be honest, when does anything really go 100% according to plan? Hardly ever. I believe most of the time there's probably going to be a change in your plans. Why? **Because God has a tendency to interrupt our lives.** (Hint: Look no further than the last two years!)

MISSION: MINDSET

Continued

Recently, I was in Dallas, TX for a speaking engagement. It was supposed to be a quick trip, in and out. The event went great (people from Texas are so nice!) and I was really looking forward to getting home to see my beautiful wife and our three fur babies! But God had different plans. Our flight got canceled at the last moment, forcing us to stay overnight. Not ideal.

At that moment, I had a few options. I could either stay frustrated and go to bed grumpy OR our team could make the most of the situation. We picked the second option. We immediately reached out to several of our closest Tim Tebow Foundation friends in Dallas and were able to meet up with one of the families the next morning! And I'm so glad we did! We had an amazing day full of stories, great food, and lots of laughter. It was totally worth every second and I knew this was why God wanted us here.

Part of having a Mission Mindset is saying "God, I'm ok when you interrupt my plans." It's a mindset that not only accepts change but welcomes it. Proverbs 16:9 says, **"The mind of a person plans his way. But the Lord directs his steps."** Does God direct your steps? Do you give Him access to rearrange your calendar? When things get out of order, are you asking the question, "Okay God, what are you up to here?"

I'll tell you what, I'm so grateful for all the times it didn't go my way, or the way I had planned it, or even the way I thought it was going to go. Because of God's 'interruptions,' I've been able to experience far more than I could've ever imagined. See, when you say yes to what God wants, I truly believe it's going to be better than anything you could have planned.

In the big and small, in the grocery store or at a stoplight, a Mission Mindset is tuning into the voice of God, and being willing to move wherever, whenever, and for whoever.

So, next time there's a hiccup when executing your game plan, instead of being frustrated, look around and see how you can make the most of it. It might not be according to your plan, but it might be according to God's plan.

Go create a life that counts,



Dig Deeper:

Are you interruptible? Or do you have your mind set on what you want to do? I challenge you to be intentional this week to see the needs of others around you and act on their behalf.



NOW

You know what day it is?

IT'S TIME FOR ANOTHER MISSION MINDSET!!

Recap from Interruptible: The "I" in M.I.N.D.S.E.T. stands for **Interruptible**. Being interruptible means being ready and willing to adapt when plans change.

To say I love Lin Manuel Miranda's Broadway musical, ***Hamilton***, is an understatement. The songs, the ideas, the acting -- seriously, can it get any better?! I'm happy to admit, I've had the privilege to go see it not once, not twice, but three times.

For those of you who are unfamiliar with Alexander Hamilton, he was a complete baller! He's one of America's Founding Fathers who helped write our Constitution, was the first secretary of the United States Treasury, helped establish the Coast Guard, was the mastermind behind building our national bank, and was a war hero during the American Revolution. And he did all this before his death at age 47! Like I said, a complete baller.

But what I like most about Alexander Hamilton is how he lived his life with a sense of urgency. He didn't wait around to make things happen. He acted in the moment. He did things 'now!' That's how I want to live my life. That's part of being mission-minded. Why wait when you can act **now**.

MISSION: MINDSET

Continued

The 'N' in Mission M.I.N.D.S.E.T. stands for Now.

Act 1 of Hamilton closes with a song called "Non-stop." This song perfectly describes Hamilton's persistence and tenacity. Here are the lyrics (speaking of Alexander):

***"How do you write like you're running out of time?
Write day and night like you're running out of time?
Every day you fight like you're running out of time
Like you're running out of time."***

Do you live like you're running out of time? Because the truth is, you don't know how long you have on this earth. James 4:14 tells us, "You do not know what your life will be like tomorrow. For you are just a vapor that appears for a little while, and then vanishes away."

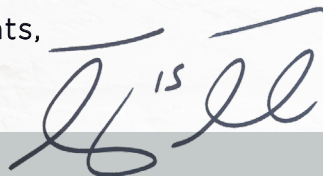
It's so true. We are not promised tomorrow. In a sense, Hamilton understood this. When the Revolutionary War was over, he partnered up with John Jay and James Madison to write what came to be called the Federalist Papers. A total of 85 essays were published anonymously and the workload was supposed to be distributed evenly between the three men. However, history tells us John Jay wrote five, James Madison wrote 29, and Alexander Hamilton wrote 51!

Centuries from now, are people going to be talking about your life, your choices, and your work with the same kind of passion and urgency as Hamilton's? Do you fight for people like you're running out of time? Do you care for those around you like you're running out of time? Do you love Jesus like you're running out of time?

Time passes, and it never needs our permission. Stop putting off tomorrow what can be done today. Complacency is the enemy of urgency and is one of the biggest opponents of a Mission Mindset.

Don't wait until you have no choice but to take action. If there is something aligned with your mission that demands your attention, do it now.

Go create a life that counts,



Dig Deeper:

What are things you've been putting off that you know you need to get done? Make a list, create a plan, set a deadline, and do it. Now.

Sneak peek: D - Be Different



DIFFERENT

Hey fam!

WELCOME TO PART FIVE OF MISSION MINDSET!

Recap from Now: The “N” in **M.I.N.D.S.E.T.** stands for Now. Stop putting off tomorrow what can be done today. If there is something aligned with your mission that demands your attention, do it **now**. The ‘D’ in **M.I.N.D.S.E.T.** stands for **Different**.

In order to make a difference, you have to be different.

Let me ask you a question: Do you live and act like everybody else around you? If you answered yes, that means, by definition, you’re average. To be like everyone else is to be considered ‘typical or usual.’

You don’t want to be like everyone else. There’s nobody in the world who wakes up in the morning saying, “Woo! I can’t wait to be average today!” No. So why do we always want to be like everybody else? When you stand out, when you’re willing to be a little bit different, watch how God can use you.

I remember right before the 2009 BCS National Championship Game between Florida and Oklahoma, I felt like God wanted me to write John 3:16 in eye black under my eyes.

MISSION: MINDSET

Continued

So I did. Ninety million people would Google John 3:16 that day! Exactly three years later, during my first NFL Playoff game with the Denver Broncos against the Pittsburgh Steelers in 2012, the strangest thing happened that I can only attribute to God. During the game:

- *I threw for 316 yards,*
- *My yards were per rush were 3.16*
- *My yards per completion were 31.6*
- *The ratings for the game were 31.6*
- *The time of possession was 31:06, and*
- *Ninety million people would Google John 3:16 again that day!*

That's more than a coincidence. Because of some silly eye black and a silver Sharpie, millions of people were reminded of what Jesus did for them on the cross. And the best part about the story is that it had nothing to do with me. Because honestly, I had no clue what God was up to behind the scenes. It's truly a testimony to how big our God is!

When you're willing to be different for the sake of Christ, God wants to use you and will use you.

And you know what, it's not always going to be well-received by others. We don't follow Jesus to become popular. In John 15:18, Jesus told his disciples, "If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first." The world will not always like the things God wants you to do. But you have to decide, is the mission worth it?

For the disciples it was. For me, it is. A Mission Mindset is not about being liked. A Mission Mindset sets aside what's 'normal' and thinks of ways to stand out and stand up for God and people.

Would your co-workers, your classmates, your friends, your family say there's anything different about you? About the way that you care? About the way that you give? About the way that you love? About the way that you help people? Is there anything different about you than everybody else?

As the apostle Paul said, "Do not conform to the pattern of this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind[set]..." (Romans 12:2). Think different. Act different. Be different.

Go create a life that counts,



Dig Deeper:

What makes you, your company, your habits, etc. different from others?



SUFFER

It's time for another

MISSION MINDSET FAM! I TRULY HOPE YOU'VE BEEN ENCOURAGED AND CHALLENGED IN THIS SERIES SO FAR.

Recap from Different: The “D” in M.I.N.D.S.E.T. stands for Different. In order to make a difference, you need to be different.

Before we get into it, let's quickly review our Mission M.I.N.D.S.E.T. acronym:

M → Know your *Maker*

I → Be *Interruptible*

N → Act *Now*

D → Be *Different*

One of my favorite words in the English language is the word ‘passion.’ Today, passion refers to all sorts of things:

- Sex, love, or romance
- Emotions such as: enthusiasm, anger, or excitement
- Your job, career, side-hustle, or hobby

However, when you investigate the word's origin, you find something different. Our English word ‘passion’ comes from the 13th century Latin root word *pati*, which means ‘to suffer.’ This Latin word was used to describe the death of Jesus -- his arrest, subsequent torture, and crucifixion on the cross. These events are sometimes referred to as ‘Passion’ narratives.

MISSION: MINDSET

Continued

In ancient Greek, we see the same thing. The root verb for passion, *paschō*, means “to be afflicted” or “to undergo sufferings,” in either a good or bad sense. See, passion is not so much about an athlete’s raw emotion or some love affair. At its core, true passion is one’s willingness to suffer! So, when you say you’re ‘passionate’ about something, what you’re really saying is that you care so deeply that you’re willing to suffer for it.

What are you willing to suffer for?

I believe the only way you’re really going to accomplish your mission in life is through **suffering**.

Now, I’m not saying go out and be masochistic. It’s not about torturing yourself. It’s about being willing to make sacrifices, embracing the suck, pushing through pain, and fighting for what you believe in when the glitz and glamour vanish, and no one is watching.

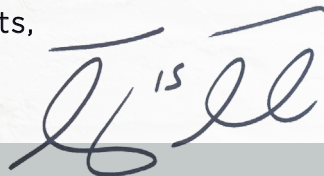
For a lot of my life, that’s been sports. I was willing to give up a lot of things so that I could be successful. But what am I willing to do for something that really matters like my faith, my family, my community? Christ suffered for you and me. Are we willing to suffer for Him?

I hope your answer is yes. I hope you realize that part of having a Mission Mindset is accepting the fact that suffering is inevitable. Sacrifice is inevitable. Welcome it! Open your home and allow it to stay awhile. Trust me, it’s not always fun, but it causes growth. It causes you to get better, to be better.

The ‘S’ in **M.I.N.D.S.E.T.** is simple. It stands for **Suffer**. When you have passion, you are willing to suffer. A Mission Mindset embraces suffering, without complaint, with strength, perseverance, and endurance because you know the mission is worth it.

Do you care so much about something that you’re willing to suffer for it?

Go create a life that counts,



Dig Deeper:

Passion is you care so much for something that you’re willing to suffer for, compassion is you care so much for someone, you’re willing to suffer with. Do you actually have passion for something and compassion for someone? Take some time to think about these questions.



EXCELLENCE

*Welcome back
to*

PART SEVEN OF MISSION MINDSET!

Recap from Suffer: The “S” in **M.I.N.D.S.E.T.** stands for Suffer. A Mission Mindset understands the true meaning of passion. It embraces suffering, without complaint, with strength, perseverance, and endurance because the mission is worth it.

Recently, I was reading a speech that 27-year-old Martin Luther King Jr. gave at a church in Montgomery, Alabama titled “Facing the Challenge of a New Age.” I was intrigued by the three major challenges he addressed (which would have been in 1956). The first was learning to live together as one unified world. The second was understanding that sacrificial love -- the love that God has shown us -- should be at the center of our lives. Which it should be. And the third was the challenge of achieving excellence in all we do. This one really stood out to me. I love what he wrote:

“We must set out to do a good job...and do it so well that nobody could do it better. Whatever your life’s work is, do it well. Even if it does not fall in the category of one of the so-called big professions, do it well...If it falls your lot to be a street sweeper, sweep streets like Michelangelo painted pictures, like Shakespeare wrote poetry, like Beethoven composed music; sweep streets so well that all the host of Heaven and earth will have to pause and say, ‘Here lived a great street sweeper, who swept his job well.’”

Well said!

MISSION: MINDSET

Continued

But this is hardly a new idea. Roughly 1,900 years before MLK wrote this, Paul penned something similar in his letter to the church in Colossae. He instructed them, “Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus.” (Colossians 3:17).

And then six verses later, he reiterated his point by saying, “Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters.” (Colossians 3:23).

See, there’s something innate about wanting to be **excellent**. It’s a part of who we are. I’m not sure if we can ever achieve it (since it’s a relative standard), but I do believe we can pursue it. We can strive for it.

The ‘E’ in M.I.N.D.S.E.T. stands for *Excellence*.

One of the biggest lies I hear coaches and parents tell their kids and athletes is that they can be ‘the best.’ I never want to tell anybody that. Why? Because not everybody can be ‘the best.’

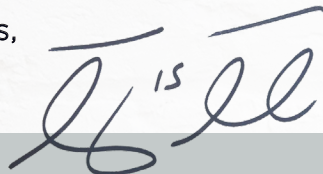
There can only be one ‘best’. But you can be **your** best. A Mission Mindset is about doing your best in whatever you do for the glory of God. That’s excellence. It’s deciding to go above and beyond the status quo. It’s fighting the voices in your head that say, “do just do enough to get by.”

Excellence is not a one and done type thing. You may think, “Oh, once I complete this project with excellence, then I’ll go easy on the next one.” No. Striving for excellence is an all-the-time type thing. It’s an every-task type thing. It’s for an audience-of-one type thing. You don’t strive for **excellence** for anyone else. Just for you and God. Working hard with joy, knowing that your effort will not be wasted.

Part of having a Mission Mindset is pushing yourself to be the best you can be – in every moment. The funny thing about excellence is that it’s a constant moving target. The very nature of the concept is a bar that keeps on being raised. And it should. As we grow and get better through trial, through success, through maturity – our excellence standard changes. We never fully get there. But our aim shouldn’t change.

Let’s be excellent in all we do. I promise you, when you do this, others will take notice.

Go create a life that counts,



Dig Deeper: Think through areas of your life (school, work, marriage, parenting, athletics, friendships, etc.) that you’re pursuing to be excellent in. What areas do you feel strong in? What areas do you feel you’re not doing your best in? What changes can you make in your pursuit of excellence?

Sneak peek: T - To the End



TO THE END

Hey fam! ↑

WE'VE MADE IT TO THE END!

Recap from Excellence: The “E” in **M.I.N.D.S.E.T.** stands for Excellence. A Mission Mindset strives for excellence in all the places God has you.

Honestly, it has been a joy to go on this journey with you. My hope and prayer is that over the last several weeks you’ve been encouraged, challenged, and inspired to live on mission. But more importantly, I hope you’ve been able to grow personally in your relationship with God and with the people around you. I truly believe you’ve been made for impact and God has given you a precious gift to do so, ***your mind***. It is a powerful weapon. And when used for His glory, nothing can stand in your way. Now let’s get to it and finish this thing!

The ‘T’ in M.I.N.D.S.E.T. stands for “To the End”

One of my favorite passages in the Bible is John 13:1. Here, Jesus finds himself in a room in Jerusalem with his closest friends, days before his arrest and crucifixion. In the 12 chapters leading up to this, John details Jesus’ profound and polarizing ministry -- his miracles, his teachings, and the religious controversy he caused. But here, at the beginning of chapter thirteen, John writes something that puts fuel in my fire:

“It was just before the Passover Festival. Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. ***Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.***”

MISSION: MINDSET

Continued

To the end.

Not when He felt like stopping. Not when everything was going well. Not when he gained popularity or a certain level of income. No. Jesus loved...to the end. The Greek word for 'the end' is telos. It means completion. Reaching **the end goal**. Mission accomplished.

How did **Jesus** love? Until His mission was accomplished!

There were so many times when Jesus could've said, "Hey I'm out. I'm done." But no. He stuck with it. He knew what it was going to take, and did it anyway. That's telos. That's a Mission Mindset. That no matter what happens in life, you move forward in faith to do what's necessary to complete the task.

Even when it's painful? Yes. Even when you don't necessarily want to? Yes. Even when everyone is telling you you're crazy and you should stop? Yes. A Mission Mindset is one that says, "Ok God, I'll finish when you want me to finish."

And trust me, I'm not saying that's easy. That might mean you retire later than you thought. Or maybe, no retirement at all. That might mean you financially support a child in need even when it stretches your wallet. That might mean fighting for people who can't fight for themselves. That might mean praying for a particular person every single day even though you're not seeing the fruit of your labor. That might mean staying late after practice and getting extra reps in. It could mean a lot of things, but whatever your mission is, do it **to the end**.

When God calls you to do something, you do it with excellence until it's complete.

I can't imagine the pain and suffering Jesus went through for me. For you. The physical beatings. The flesh-tearing lashes. Having nails driven through his wrists and ankle. Being hoisted up on a wooden cross to be humiliated in front of all mankind. And then suffocating after hanging up there for hours. That was His mission. To save the world. To be a payment for all sin. And He did it. He did it so that you and I may be made right with God. If Jesus did it for us, then we can do it for others! **Telos. To the end!**

Go create a life that counts,

Tim Tebow

GRAPHIC RECAP OF MINDSET ACRONYM

M

A Mission Mindset starts by knowing your **Maker**. It recognizes where your mission came from and Who it is for.

I

A Mission Mindset is **Interruptible**. It means you're willing to adapt and make the most out of a situation when plans change. It's tuning into the voice of God and being ready to move wherever, whenever, and for whoever.

N

A Mission Mindset acts **Now**. Live with urgency. Stop putting off tomorrow what can be done today. If there is something aligned with your mission that demands your attention, do it now.

D

A Mission Mindset understands that to make a difference, you need to be **Different**. It doesn't care about being popular or liked. It sets aside what's 'normal' and thinks of ways to stand out and stand up for God and people.

S

A Mission Mindset is prepared to sacrifice and **Suffer**. True passion embraces suffering, without complaint, with strength, perseverance, and endurance because the mission is worth it.

E

A Mission Mindset pursues **Excellence** in every moment, in every task. It's not about being 'the best,' it's about being your best in whatever you do for the glory of God.

T

A Mission Mindset sees the mission through **To the End**. It moves forward in faith to do what's necessary to complete the task.

START LIVING
MISSION POSSIBLE
TODAY



*Go create a life that counts.
Tebow*