The Strategic Vacation Guide

FIRST, CONSIDER:

Which dates in the coming year is it POSSIBLE that we'll use to get away?

SPRING _____

SUMMER _____

FALL _____

WINTER _____

What's a good mix for the KIND of trips we take this year?

REST

_____ %

MISSION/ SERVICE

_____ %

FAM EXPERIENCE OR ADVENTURE

_____ %

What should we be CELEBRATING this year? (Important milestones, accomplishments, events…)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

So how might those ideas work out together in the coming year?

TRIP 1

WHEN

KIND

CELEBRATING?

TRIP 2

WHEN

KIND

CELEBRATING?

TRIP 3

WHEN

KIND

CELEBRATING?

TRIP 4

WHEN

KIND

CELEBRATING?

NOW FOR YOUR NEXT TRIP, ASK…

Where do I need perspective in my life right now? _____

On what issue would I most like to hear from God? _____

How will we truly be *re-created* on this next trip regarding…

Exercise _____

_____

Sleep _____

_____

Food _____

_____

Fun _____

_____

Brain Food (Movies, Books, etc.)

_____

_____

NOW LAY OUT A SCHEDULE.

DAY 1	(Day & Date)
AM	
LUNCH	
PM	
DINNER	
EVE.	

DAY 2	
AM	
LUNCH	
PM	
DINNER	
EVE.	

DAY 3	
AM	
LUNCH	
PM	
DINNER	
EVE.	

DON'T FORGET:

- Fam time w/God
- Personal " " "
- Big APEX meals
- Screenless TALK
- BIG FUN
- Time to reflect

DAY 4	
AM	
LUNCH	
PM	
DINNER	
EVE.	

DAY 5	
AM	
LUNCH	
PM	
DINNER	
EVE.	

DAY 6	
AM	
LUNCH	
PM	
DINNER	
EVE.	

DAY 7	
AM	
LUNCH	
PM	
DINNER	
EVE.	

LAST THING:

A QUICK NOTE TO YOU

Okay. You've probably never done anything like this before. This might have seemed like a stretch. Too militant, maybe. Or too "intentional"- we love spontaneity, right? ...but give it a shot, even if it feels a little strange.

Before you go, have a family talk, agree to these rhythms, then pray together, asking God for all the things you've laid out.

And after it's over, revisit this trip you took.

Was it worth it? Was all this thinking and planning and talking just another task to do? Or did it *really* connect you more as a family? Did you *really* get to know each other better, make permanent memories, and have Big Fat Fun together?

Round up, back home, after the big trip is all over, and just check in. What was great about what you just did? What should you NOT repeat? And what should become a tradition because it was just so... YOU?

At that last round up, also thank your Good God, Who is more than just your Provision, but is your Generous and Gracious Father, Who knows how to give wonderful gifts.

Two thumbs way up.

GOOD JOB, YOU!

From your bros at

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