

Building a Great Church Involves Vision

(Building a Great Church Series – Lesson #2)

The Importance of Vision

"Where there is no vision the people perish."
(Proverbs 29:18, KJV)

Why is Vision Important?

- Vision is important because it involves the future.
- Vision focuses on the possibilities of what can happen.
- Vision will allow you to take advantage of each opportunity.
 - (2 Corinthians 2:12)
- Vision allows one to set goals for the future.
 - 10 year goals?
 - 5 year goals?
 - 1 year goals?

"Dissatisfaction and discouragement are not caused by the absence of things but the absence of vision."

Anonymous



Your Personal Vision

"Set your mind on things above, not on things on the Earth." (Colossians 3:2, NKJV)

Vision Involves Personal Growth:

- Where is your vision?
 - Do you want to go to Hell?
 - Avoid the truth and do nothing.
 - Do you want to go to Heaven?
 - Obey the truth, grow in the truth and proclaim the truth.
- Is it time to adjust your vision?
 - (Colossians 3:2)
 - (2 Timothy 4:6-8)
- Where does your vision allow you to travel?
 - Are you focusing on the can'ts of life or of the cans?
 - Through God's grace, He has opened doors of opportunity for you.
- Has God given you a "second lease" on life through your salvation?

Keys to Growing Your Vision:

- God must be in your vision. (Proverbs 3:6)
 - Remember the rich fool? (Luke 12:16-21)
- Your vision must not be a wavering vision. (2 Corinthians 4:8-16, Galatians 6:9)

Vision Question:

- Are you willing to grow? _____

The Congregational Vision

"Now the multitude of those who believed were of one heart and one soul..." (Acts 4:32, NKJV)

Vision Involves Congregation Growth:

- A group vision can start or end with one person or a small group of people. (Numbers 13-14)
 - There will be those who say that the vision cannot be achieved.
 - Then there will be those who go out and do it.
- Caleb and Joshua focused on what they could not see. (Numbers 13:30; 14:6-9)
 - (2 Corinthians 4:18, 5:7)
 - "Vision is the art of seeing the invisible."
- Jonathan Swift

Keys to Congregational Vision:

- You must be growing by your own vision.
- There must be a unity of purpose in the minds of the members. (Ephesians 4:4-6)
 - To accomplish this, Heaven must be the vision.
- Have courage, faith, hope, and trust in God.
- Plan to plant and water and God will give the increase. (1 Corinthians 3:6,7)

Vision Question:

- Where is your vision allowing you to go?
- Does your vision help or hinder others?