

Perspective and Commitment

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I. Introduction.

- A. Text: Deuteronomy 8:1.
- B. Two goals that must be kept in balance are perspective and commitment.
- C. Living, multiplying and possessing the land is a description of the Christian life.

II. Living. (John 10)

- A. This is an affirmation that God is in control. God commands us to obey in difficult circumstances. (Job 3:25, Ezekiel 24:16-18)
- B. This is an affirmation of the authority and adequacy of Scripture. We will drift without this.
- C. This is an affirmation of the lifestyle of a servant.
 - 1. People find joy and abundant life in service.
 - 2. Do not compare yourselves with others. (I Corinthians 12)

III. Multiplying.

- A. We can only teach, pray and model in the Christian life.
- B. It takes time to learn how to multiply.
- C. Our work is other men. (John 17:4)
- D. Multiplying comes through a deeper relationship with Christ.

IV. Possess the land.

- A. This is talking about personal fulfillment with our gifts.
- B. We need to give ourselves breathing room and time in discovering our gifts.
- C. There is a great deal of wait in the Christian life.
- D. We need to take time and savor what we have.

Application questions:

1. When have you most needed the affirmation that God is in control?

2. What does it mean that our work is other men?

3. How can we discover our gifts in order to maximize our service to others?
