

Ministering in the Marketplace or A Vision for Disciple Making

I Spiritual Vision Defined

A. A Vision for ministry

Vision is defined as a “mental image, a vivid description of what will happen when the mission is achieved. It engages our spirit, expressed our deepest wishes, inspires performance, connects us with others and aligns energy”.

Vision, from a ministry perspective, is a term used to describe an attitude of mind and heart that results in an understanding of how to accomplish the work of God. Proverbs 29:18.

B. Vision is seeing more than others see. John 4.

LeRoy Eims said: “Vision is seeing a harvest when everyone else sees a plowed field.” Colossians 1:28,29 JBP.

B. An example of Jesus’ vision. Matthew 9:36-38

“Vision is getting on your heart what God has on His heart.” Dawson Trotman

II The Vision of Jesus Christ our Lord?

A. *That the Gospel of Grace should be preached to every person in the world so that everyone might have the opportunity to believe and be saved from the wrath of God against their sins; and that all those who believe and receive Him in every nation of the world should be disciplined and that all those disciples in turn should become His laborers who participate in the process of evangelizing and discipling others until He Himself returns.*

B. The Great Commission: Five Parts

Two Major Ministries: Evangelizing and Discipling.

1. **The Scope: That the Gospel should be preached to every person in the world. Mark 16:15
John 3:16 I Timothy 2:4**
2. **The Message: “Repentance and Forgiveness of Sins Preached in Jesus’ Name” Luke 24:46-47**
3. **The Method: That reproducing disciples be made in all nations beginning where they are. Matthew 28:18-20**
 - a. **Jesus’ minimum qualifications for discipleship:**
 - **Matthew 10:24 _____**
 - **Luke 14:26 _____**
 - **Luke 14:27 _____**
 - **Luke 14:33 _____**
 - **John 8:31 _____**
 - **John 15:8 _____**
 - **John 13:34:35 _____**
4. **The Motivation: Love for the Savior. He is sending us just as the Father sent Him. John 20:21, II Corinthians 5:20 II Corinthians 5:14 (Wuest)**
5. **The Power: Comes from His Holy Spirit. Acts 1:8**

By Whom??? Ephesians 4:11,12

III The Lord's Method of Fulfilling His Vision:

A. Spiritual Addition

B. Spiritual Multiplication

II Timothy 2:2 (Daws' Question: "Where's your man? Where is at least one person who is going on as a spiritual reproducer because of your life?")

IV. How to Get the Job Done

A. Make the Lord's Vision your own.

1. Lord, is this what you want for my life?
2. Lord, will you give people in exchange for my life?
3. Lord, what is the specific way, place and people that you want me to labor among in your harvest?
4. Lord, will You give me Your plan and help me to work at it?

B. How did God intend for us to "make" Disciples?

1. He didn't! To believe that we can "disciple" another person is presumptuous! **Jesus** is the Disciple Maker – "..... I will be with you always". Matthew 28:20b. (Define "Grace")
2. "God uses disciples to make disciples." A.W. Tozer
 - a) by sharing your life with another individual. Isaiah 43:4 (Berk.)
 - b) must see the worth of another individual. Isaiah 60:22
 - c) must believe that one individual is worth the investment.
 - d) Jesus' example:
 - ✓ Blind man on road to Jericho.
 - ✓ Zachaues
 - ✓ Woman at the well in Samaria.
 - ✓ Woman with the issue of blood.
 - ✓ Principle in Matthew 9:36-38.
 - e) Paul's example:
 - ✓ Thessalonians – I Thess. 2:11a NEB.
 - ✓ Ephesian Elders – Acts 20:31

3. Look for a FAT man.

- a) Faithful
- b) Available
- c) Teachable
- d) (Wholehearted!)

4. Always do three things:

- a) Share testimony.
- b) Share the Word.
- c) Pray together.

V. How Do You Get Started?

A. Are you a disciple of Jesus Christ?

1. If not, ask God for someone to help you. Look around for someone whose life demonstrates that he is a disciple of Christ and ask him to help you.
2. If you are a disciple of Christ, follow-up and disciple those who you bring to Christ. Or, ask God to bring along **one** who is FAT. Give him your life!