

Vision: The Reason We Are Here

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I. Introduction.

- A. The grave always wins. (I Corinthians 15)
- B. However, we find victory in death.
- C. Text: I Corinthians 15:58.
- D. We avoid burnout so that we can be steadfast and unmoving.
- E. It takes time to learn the Christian life, live and then possess the land. We ought to think through our goals in these areas of our life. (Deuteronomy 8:1)

II. Goals for living.

- A. The Word of God is our food, prayer is our breathing, fellowship is our rest and exercise is our witness.
- B. We need goals in all of these areas.
- C. The Spirit is our immune system and sinning as a Christian harms us in this area.
 - 1. Lying against the Spirit. (Acts)
 - 2. Grieving the Spirit. (Ephesians 4:30)
 - 3. Quenching the Spirit. (I Thessalonians 5:19)
- D. Steps to sin: I saw, I coveted, I took, and I hid. (Joshua 7:20-21)
 - 1. Sin must stop at the eye.
 - 2. We must tackle with it at the beginning.

III. Goals for multiplying.

- A. God intended for us to pour into others.
- B. Make finding a disciple a serious matter of prayer. God will give you people if you pray.

IV. Goals for possessing the land.

A. There are many gifts beyond those listed in I Corinthians 12.

B. Do not limit yourself or limit God.

C. We must prepare the lives of other people for the harvest that will come—we may not even see the fruit. (John 4)

Application questions:

1. How can you be more effective in tackling sin? Explain.

2. What role does praying play in finding a disciple?

3. Why do you think the Spirit is at center of a Christian's sin? Explain.
