

World Vision: Worth of the Individual

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I. Introduction.

- A. Dawson Trotman, founder of the Navigators, gave the speaker a vision for one person.
- B. John and Helen pray for one person at a time to invest in.
- C. We exchange our life for another life. (Matthew 28:19-20)
- D. The Navigators do not do all the work of the church nor all the work of the Great Commission.
 - 1. The mission is to make disciples.
 - 2. The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few.

II. World vision means a core of functioning disciples in every nation made of nationals.

- A. Trotman prayed the prayer that God would use Him to touch every State, and He did.
- B. Evidence of God's success in the past: Romans 1:7-8, 16:19, Acts 19:9-10, 1 Thessalonians 1:8-9, Genesis 1.
- C. World vision includes a basic strategy - men, material and a place of action.
- D. We are together so that we can have a part in reaching the world.
 - 1. The world is multiplying rapidly.
 - 2. Evangelization starts with one person.
 - 3. Jesus worked with only three years and small numbers.
 - 4. When we labor for the world, we labor in the background of the prayers.
 - 5. It is interesting that the ones he told to pray were the ones that ended up going.
 - 6. You do not reproduce until you are involved in prayer and money because this gets down to where we really live. (Matthew 6)
 - 7. There is nothing core to what Jesus taught that a grandmother could not teach - do not steal, lust, etc.

III. God can use you to make a difference - an individual, one person. (John 3:16-18)

- A. Everyone is important.
- B. Conversion can only happen one by one using all of us.

C. The plan is to multiply one-by-one. (Mark 3:14, 6:30, Acts 20:4)

D. God can use you in every geographical place. Paul was a door opener wherever he went. (2 Corinthians 2:11)

IV. Principles of propagation. (2 Timothy 2:2)

A. The Apostle Paul was a pacesetter - he taught what he was.

B. He taught that God wants to use you. (Ezekiel 22:30)

1. You will seriously impact many people.

2. You do not have to be attractive in any way to be effective - Jesus was not. (Isaiah 53:2)

C. We must have the attitude of a learner.

D. We must seek faithful men and be faithful ourselves. We must do the little jobs to show we can do the bigger ones. (Jeremiah 12:5)

V. Give your whole life to helping people become fruitful.

Application questions

1. Why is man to man so central to world vision?

2. What principles must one keep in mind when ministering through a multiplication?

3. Where is your "man"? Who in your life can you see investing in more spiritually, and how could you go about doing it? Be specific.
