

Vision –To Know God

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I. Introduction.

- A. Communication is difficult.
- B. We are in the last days facing greater problems and greater opportunity. (2 Timothy 3:1)
- C. Philosophy of life and ministry: to know, love and glorify God, be used of him to raise up qualified laborers as fast as possible to help fulfill the Great Commission.

II. We should know God because it is his desire. (Hosea 6:6; 1 Corinthians 1:9; Philippians 3:10; Psalm 27:4; Exodus 33:13; Psalm 119:55)

A. To know God....

1. Be converted. (2 Peter 1:10; 2 Corinthians 13:5)
2. Know his Word. (John 5:39)
3. Spend time with God in fellowship.
4. Watch the example of godly people.

B. Results of knowing God.

1. We become like him. (Acts 13)
2. We please God. (Genesis 5:21-24; Hebrews 11:5)

III. We should love God.

A. Jesus commanded it. (Matthew 22:34)

B. We cannot accomplish the Great Commission without loving God and loving people. (1 Corinthians 13:13; Romans 13:10)

IV. We should glorify God. (Revelation 4:11)

A. We glorify God because it is the purpose for which we were created. (Isaiah 43:7; Revelation 4:11)

B. We glorify God by praising him. (Psalm 50:23)

C. We glorify God by doing everything for the glory of God. (1 Corinthians 10:31)

D. We glorify God by bearing fruit. (John 15:5; Galatians 5:22-23; 1 Corinthians 12; Romans 12; John 15:16)

E. We glorify God by confessing Jesus as Lord. (Philippians 2:11)

F. We glorify God by what we are. (Ephesians 1:12)

V. To be used of him.

A. Only God produces fruit. (Psalm 127:1; John 15:5; 6:63; Romans 7; Philippians 3:3)

B. To be used we must be available. (Haggai 2:19)

C. The gospel must be shared. (Romans 1:16; Ecclesiastes 3:11)

D. People and the Word of God must be invested in. (2 Timothy 2:2)

E. To be used we do not have to be perfect but we have to keep short accounts with God. (1 John 1:9)

F. To be used we must have stick-ability.

G. To be used we must claim the promises of God. (Isaiah 58:12)

H. All things must fit under the main objective of getting people saved. (2 Timothy 2:2; Luke 19:10)

VI. To raise up.

A. God chooses people.

B. God uses men. (Joshua 1)

Application questions:

1. How can you go about knowing God more and practically helping others to know him as well?

2. What does it look like to glorify God?

3. How would you articulate your life mission in light of the message?
