

Perspective on Life

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I. Introduction.

- A. Text: Psalm 128.
- B. Subject: the total life for the total man.
- C. For most of us, our vision is too small.
- D. Fear is taking God seriously enough to walk in His ways. (Ecclesiastes)
 - 1. The whole duty of man is to fear God and to keep His commandments.
 - 2. This is the wholeness of man.

II. Fearing the Lord is the focus of life. This focus produces right priorities. (Psalm 130:5)

- A. The family must be of utmost importance.
- B. What should characterize the Navigator:
 - 1. Loyalty to Christ and the Bible.
 - 2. Fulfilling the Great Commission.
 - 3. Faith in the promises.
 - 4. The concept of spiritual multiplication (third generational discipleship). (2 Timothy 2:2)
 - 5. The practice of spiritual disciplines as characterized by the wheel.

III. A prayer for you: may you see goodness upon all the days of your life. (Psalm 128)

- A. This has to do with the expanding influence of a lifetime.
- B. Zion is the center of the influence—where God's people congregate and get together. As we go we are to make disciples—wherever we are.
- C. We then proceed from where we are at to be uncontaminated salt to the world.
 - 1. Our fellowship must be based upon cleansing. (1 John 1:7)
 - 2. American Christians are not what they ought to be.
- D. We need to also be seen in the world which we live—not just sticking with our holy huddle. (2 Corinthians 2:14)

1. Those who are thankful are attractive to the world.
2. The Christian brings hope and victory to the world when he dies to himself.
3. Committed believers die in peace and die thinking about other people.
4. The Christian gives light in every place.

IV. How to plant a seed in every place.

- A. Spend an hour a day with the Lord, pick a verse for the day, and ask the Lord to touch one life for the day.
- B. There is more ministry than one can get to when his vision is enlarged. We must be an every place believer.
- C. Seek to share your word of testimony wherever you are at.

Application questions

1. How does healthy fear express itself in the laborer's life.

2. Why is it important to be involved in the world "uncontaminated"?

3. How can being an "every place believer" better manifest itself in your life? List two ways.
