

# Vision – Worthy of God

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I. Introduction.

II. 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.

III. The qualified laborer.

A. A qualified laborer knows what to do. The work of God is trusting God in each day's problems. (John 6:25)

B. A qualified laborer knows how to do it. His tools are the Word of God and ministry skills.

C. A qualified laborer is committed to the task that God has called him to. (Matthew 6:33)

IV. Significant numbers. The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few.

V. As fast as possible.

A. There is tremendous need.

B. There is shortness of time.

C. Time management can be learned. (Psalm 90:12)

D. We should be time conscience.

E. Every day is important. (Ephesians 5:15-17)

F. We need to make priorities in life.

1. God.

2. Family. (1 Timothy 5)

3. Job. (Colossians 3:23)

4. The work of the ministry.

G. We need to set goals.

H. We need to evaluate time use.

I. Do one thing at a time.

J. Learn to say no.

K. Separate the important from the urgent.

L. Use shortcuts.

M. Make decisions and press on. (1 Corinthians 14:8; Romans 14; Isaiah 43:18)

N. Get started.

O. Be a finisher.

VI. Fulfill the Great Commission. (Matthew 28:19-20; Mark 16:14-15; Luke 24:44-49; John 20:21; Acts 1:8)

VII. Questions and answers.

A. Developing hearts of compassion by recognizing people are more important than things and every person is important. (1 Corinthians 12:18)

B. You trust God in big decisions by trusting him in little decisions. It helps to get to know God better.

C. Many Christians do not match up to their talk because they do not get to abundant life that Jesus promises. (John 10:10; 2 Peter 1; 1 Timothy 3:16)

D. Continue a job and change it if God opens an opportunity.

E. In order to find friends you have to be friendly.

F. We should make plans. (Matthew 6:44)

G. If your schedule is too crowded, prioritize your schedule and cut off the bottom three.

H. In difficulties it is more valuable to ask what has happened, how we are going to respond and what can we learn.

I. Sin is the problem in relationships. (Ephesians 5; Proverbs 13:10)

J. No matter your circumstances, God can use you.

**Application questions:**

1. What would you add to the philosophy of ministry if anything?

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2. How do you reconcile the need to make disciples quickly and the need for patience?

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3. Which qualification for a laborer do you think is most important? Explain.

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