

SERMON OUTLINE

3745 Market St. NE, Salem, OR 97301

Sunday Morning 1/6/08

“Living with Vision”

I. Topic to be Discussed

- A. What if we could see like Jesus saw?
- B. Our Focus This Year - 2008 - Vision

II. Developing Our Vision

A. Where Are You?

- 1. Matt 13:3 - parables (Matt 13:10; Isaiah 6:8-10)
- 2. Our challenge
 - a. Does it matter to me? Matt 13:10,15
 - b. Do I want to see? Rev 3:17-18; Matt 13:19
- 3. So where are you???
 - a. NOT talking about what you do, BUT what's in your heart
 - b. Passion vs. Fashion (Romans 12:1-2)

B. Where Are You Going? (Purpose)

- 1. Matt 13:3 - The sower went out to sow - WHY? Matt 13:8,23
- 2. God is promising us fruit: Galatians 5:22-23 - not only who I will BE but what I will GET
- 3. Our challenge:
 - a. Am I committed to it? John 6:67-69; Matt 13:20-21
 - b. Am I willing to pay the price to reach the goal?
- 4. So, where are you going? Are you committed to it?
 - a. NOT talking about a dream – BUT a promise given by God – IS IT REAL to you???
 - b. Committed vs. Employed (Matt 19:17–20:16)

C. How Are You Going to Get There?

- 1. Maybe the most neglected part of “Vision” and maybe why Visions so often fail - NO STRATEGY
 - a. Matt 13:22 - simply got distracted, didn't carry out plan
 - b. Phil 2:12-13 - work out your salvation (strategy)
 - c. A daily focus: Luke 9:23 - take up his cross daily
- 2. Our challenge:
 - a. Living it today (not tomorrow, next month, this year)
 - b. Setting aside the distractions (lower priorities)
 - c. Decide TODAY I will do TODAY what is most important
- 3. So, are you making those choices today to take you to goal?
 - a. NOT merely activity - BUT a LIFE driven by your goal to live for God
 - b. Gazers vs. Doers (James 1:22-25)

Fashion is focused on how I look to others

Passion is focused on how I am with God

Fashion is when you look to see what everyone else is doing and then jump on board

Passion is what others cannot help but see in you

Fashion's time is right now

Passion deals with eternity

Fashion is not a green corduroy suit (never was, never will be)

Passion is doing whatever you must to destroy the green corduroy suit

Fashion changes with the wind

Passion is not easily extinguished

Fashion is following the norm

Passion challenges the norm

Fashion acts when the crowd acts

Passion acts because it must

The Employed work for the pay check

The Committed work for God

The Employed want out what they put in

The Committed know they will get far more than they ever put in

The Employed are aware when the boss is looking

The Committed are constantly looking to God

When the Employed are off work they are done with work

The Committed are always focused on the work

When sacrifices are necessary, the Employed look for another job

...the Committed invest

The Employed think highly of their work

The Committed think highly of the work

Gazers can give detailed explanations of what is required

Doers practice what they know to be true

Gazers are quick to see the error in the practice of others

Doers help lead others to do right

Gazers have the same definition for righteousness and knowledge

Doers don't stop at knowledge

Gazers ignore the ugliness in their lives

Doers repent of it and grow from it

Gazers accentuate their positive traits

Doers use God's gifts to them to do His will

Gazers talk about it, plan it out, teach about it, preach about it, draw pictures of it, and sing about it

Doers put it into practice today