

V The VISION




1. TO KNOW CHRIST AND TO MAKE HIM KNOWN.

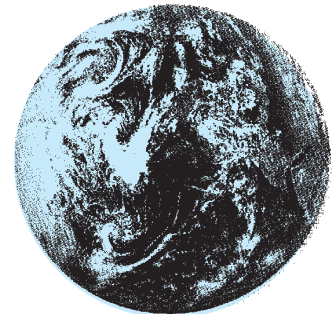
Philippians 1:21-22. To really be a life-long laborer for Jesus, I must have settled the issue in my life that there is nothing else more important to me than to know Christ and to make Him known to others. This is the same idea as living for God's glory. First, I want with all of my heart to know Him (Philippians 3:8). I get to know Him by seeing His character (glory) (Exodus 33:18 - Exodus 34:5-8). The way that I glorify God is by getting to know Him and by obedience letting Him change me to be more like Him (2 Corinthians 3:18). As I become like Him then others can see His character (glory) in me.

I need to be able to say,

"My determined purpose in life is to know and obey the Lord Jesus and to help others know and obey Him."

2. TO MAKE HIM KNOWN IN THE WHOLE WORLD.

In John 3:16 God not only loves me, but He loves the whole world. If I love Him then I too will love the whole world and want to make Him known in the whole world. We know that this is what is on His heart because we can see it in the last command that He gave to His disciples.



Matthew 28:18-20 Not only is power promised, but also a plan is given. A helpful way to meditate through any passage is to ask the questions below. Interview Matthew 28:18-20.

What? _____

Where? _____

When (until)? _____

Why? _____

How? _____

Who? _____

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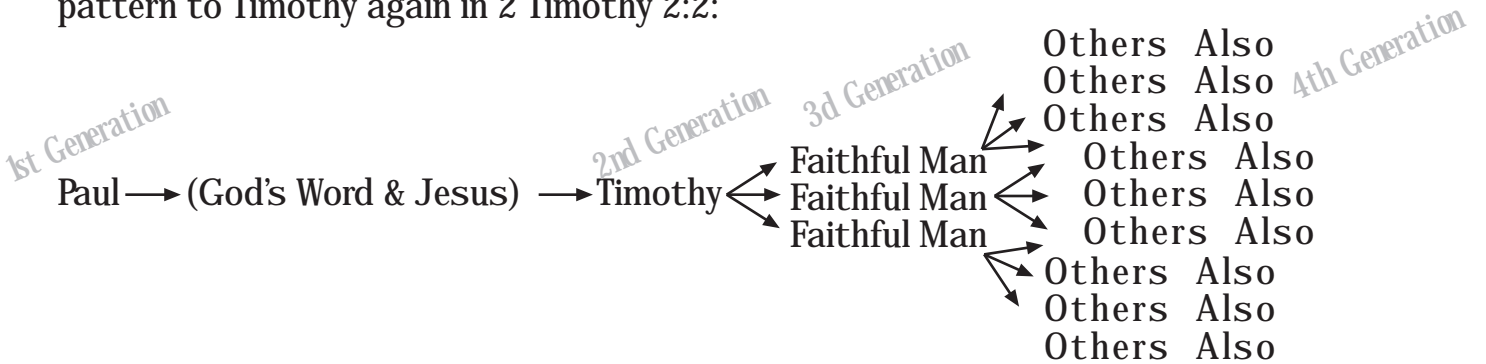
"I am personally responsible for the Great Commission in my generation and I will commit the rest of my life to fulfilling it."

3. TO MAKE HIM KNOWN IN THE WHOLE WORLD BY INVESTING IN INDIVIDUALS.

I need to be deeply committed to the worth and potential of each individual. Someone has said that there are many apples on a tree, but many trees in the apple. The power of this simple plan of multiplication can be seen throughout the Bible. God promised to make nations from Abraham in Genesis 12:1-3. Jesus loved the world, helped many and trained a few. Then He told those few to disciple the nations.



Paul stresses the worth of the individual in Colossians 1:22 & 28. He stresses the pattern to Timothy again in 2 Timothy 2:2:



I need to be able to say,
 "My life's purpose is to know Christ and to make Him known in all of the earth by investing in individuals."

