

The Need for Vision

Any successful endeavor requires some sort of vision. Jonathan Swift defined vision as “the ability to see that which is invisible.” In other words, it is the ability to look down the road and attempt to set goals to attain something desired that is not yet fully seen.

As it relates to the work of the church, we desperately need an elevated vision of what we are to be doing as the Lord’s church. What is involved in our faithfully fulfilling our reason for existence? This seems basic, but, we need to analyze what can be done by determining how it is to be done. We know that the three basic “works” of the church are evangelism, edification and benevolence. We must set goals to accomplish these tasks. But, we must also determine what is the best way to accomplish goals within these basic parameters.

Someone may say, “Well, we need to set a goal of church growth.” That is an excellent goal! However, it is much too broad. How much growth is desired? What method are we going to use to achieve this goal? Can we afford it? As you can see, there are many things to consider as we set out on such a task.

What are our goals here at College Hill? Over the next several weeks, let’s be thinking about things we would like to accomplish. Then, let’s talk about how we are going to achieve those goals. To fail to plan at all is unacceptable. Together, we can make a difference!

Sermon Outline:

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1. Two Ways Our Vision Can Be Inadequate

- A. An illustration of an inadequate vision
- B. The problem of a vision that is too general
- C. The problem of a vision that is too small

2. Our Vision Needs...

- A. To Be Great
- B. Specific Action-steps
- C. Faith
- D. Boldness
- E. Perseverance

Evening Lesson: 1 & 2 Chronicles (since we have discussed the history of this time adequately, we will attempt to cover the material in both of these books)