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## Vision - Week 3 – For the Glory of God!

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### **Ephesians 3:20-21 NIV**

<sup>20</sup> Now to him who is able to do *immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine*, according to his power that is at work within us, <sup>21</sup> ***to Him be glory in the church*** and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

### **Matthew 25:14-30 NIV**

#### ***The Parable of the Bags of Gold***

<sup>14</sup> “Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them. <sup>15</sup> To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to another one bag, <sup>16</sup> each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. <sup>16</sup> The man who had received five bags of gold went at once and put his money to work and gained five bags more. <sup>17</sup> So also, the one with two bags of gold gained two more. <sup>18</sup> But the man who had received one bag went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money.

<sup>19</sup> “After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. <sup>20</sup> The man who had received five bags of gold brought the other five. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘you entrusted me with five bags of gold. See, I have gained five more.’

<sup>21</sup> “His master replied, ‘***Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!***’

<sup>22</sup> “The man with two bags of gold also came. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘you entrusted me with two bags of gold; see, I have gained two more.’

<sup>23</sup> “His master replied, ‘***Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!***’

<sup>24</sup> “Then the man who had received one bag of gold came. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. <sup>25</sup> So I was afraid and went out and hid your gold in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.’

<sup>26</sup> “His master replied, ‘You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? <sup>27</sup> Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest.’

<sup>28</sup> “So take the bag of gold from him and give it to the one who has ten bags. <sup>29</sup> For whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them. <sup>30</sup> And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

### **Living for the Glory of God**

- Too many people that call themselves Christians are simply living lives to please themselves. Their concepts of personal vision is simply focused on the “American Dream”. Seminars by people like Tony Robins or even Joel Osteen’s book *Your Best Life Now* focus so much on only what this world offers to make you happy. The Bible speaks more of God’s blessing and vision for the future so that you and I can be a blessing to others.
- God first.... Time, money, relationships, purpose, etc.
- ***Our vision starts with the focus that at the end of our days God will be able to say to us, “Well done my Good and Faithful servant”.***
- Becoming good and faithful is the basis of vision

### **Structuring Life to Sustain the Vision**

- Family and Church are a Christians two priorities. Everything else supports those things.

- Spouse first, kids second, parents third, brothers & sisters fourth, grandparents fifth, nieces and nephews sixth, etc.
- Spending time as family and as church family takes **prioritizing** your life.
- Family Vacations – yours kids and your parents are only in your lives for a short period of time.
  - The Staycation
  - \$300 camping experience
  - The \$1,000 week in Florida for five people
  - The \$1,200 all-inclusive for two
- Making room for ministry
  - Adjusting your schedule – getting the most out of early mornings and late nights
  - Creating prayer groups that work for you and others. (Mike Knoll example)
  - Dealing with the time takers and the money suckers!
    - Especially addictions!
    - Many people have too much house and or too much car for their income
    - Lower and eliminate the monthly expenses.

### **Becoming a Faithful Man or Woman of God**

- Planning around the strengths and weaknesses of you personality
- What Daily devotions and tithing do for vision and faithfulness
- **Allow God to speak to your heart** and **put a plan in place for it to come into action** – proper planning creates room for spontaneity.
  - Working out
  - Joining a prayer group
  - Investing money
  - Completing school or training
  - Doing things with friends
  - Joining an interest or activist group
  - Excelling in a hobby
- Adjust, Adjust, Adjust, Adjust! Listen, review, Adjust!

## **Announcements:      [www.hopecommunitysite.com](http://www.hopecommunitysite.com) 705-812-2833**

**Morning Prayer** Monday to Friday 9 to 10 am at the church

**Men's Basketball** – Mondays 8:00 pm at the church

**Woman's Walking/Exercise Group** – Mondays 7:00 pm at the church

**Mom's Hangout** – Wednesdays 10-11:30 am... A time for Moms and kid's to hang out and get to know each other.

**God Squad Jr. High:** Thursdays, 6:30 to 7:30 pm. Students grades 6-8 are invited to this great program.

**Sr. High Youth:** Thursdays: 7:30 to 8:45 pm. Students grades 9-12

**Good Food Box** – Orders on the first Monday of each month from 3-6 pm and pick up on the third Wednesday of each month from 3-6 pm. Fresh Fruit and Vegetables... Small box \$10, Large box \$15

**Communion Lunch Service – First Sunday of each month** Service (10:00 am) of each month as part of the morning service. Invite a friend and bring food to share in this pot luck style meal.

**Partnership Night - Sunday, January 17th, 5:30 pm.** A great filled night with comedy/improve with Murph Rodgers from the *Medicine Show*, yummy desserts, encouragement, future plans/vision and fun!

**Men & Meat - Saturday, January 23rd, 5:00 pm.** Barrie colts game and eating at Buffalo Wild Wing. Tickets in the low \$20 range. Contact Pastor Steve to reserve your ticket ASAP!

**Family Fun at Bayview Wildwood Resort! – Sunday February 7<sup>th</sup> 1-3 pm after the communion lunch meal** - An afternoon of outdoor activities for the whole family. Cross country skiing, snowshoeing, ice skating, hockey, tobogganing, playing in the snow, etc.