

VISION AND COMMITMENT

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Life is a gift; we never chose it, nor did we have anything to do with its existence. We were born and life was present in us... we were new to the universe, to the planet and to our parents.

Now we know what life is, do we want to keep it as a permanent state or are we happy to lose it and return to non-existence from whence we came?

If we want life to continue, then we have to observe and commit ourselves to life giving principles... these are only found in the ways of God.

God created human life and also offers to recreate us... that is the only viable offer if we want to live forever. Jesus Christ made eternal life possible through making the Spirit of God available to every person who wants it. This is achieved through water baptism and the infilling/entry of God's Spirit into our body.

God's Spirit gives us a new way to think and a new way to live.

EZE 36:26 A new heart (a new way to think) also will I give you, and a new spirit (life force) will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. God offers to provide the very necessary changes to make it possible to live forever.

However, if we wish to succeed we need to develop a vision and to train ourselves towards commitment.

COL 1:10 That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God; Learning to walk worthy is a matter of Biblical instruction. It is neither natural nor innate. Without the Word, there is simply no way any of us are going to be able to walk as we should. The ultimate aim of being filled with the knowledge of God's will, is to influence all of our conduct day after day. However, without the knowledge of God's will, it is impossible to walk worthily of the Lord.

The issue is not just knowledge, but the knowledge of God's will.

COL 1:9 For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; The knowledge of God's will, concerns the whole counsel of God's truth as it is found in the Bible. These words - knowledge, wisdom, understanding - call to our attention the fact that we must use our minds to grasp the truths that God has revealed. The mind plays a key role in God's plan for growth. Spiritual intelligence is the beginning of a successful, fruitful Christian life.

Imitate those who are already successful in their Christian walks.

PHI 3:17 Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an ensample. This can't happen without a clear view of the bigger picture and a structured life commitment to the ways of God. A love for God is a love for God's people.

Those who continue to serve God have the strongest vision and the greatest commitment...

1JOH 3:16 Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. Because we now understand the will of God, we also understand the way of God. By living the Christian ethic we bring life to God's chosen people, we bring hope to the lost and life to the unsaved. In return God blesses us Spiritually, naturally, physically and financially.... our life is complete. There will be no greater opportunity for us in this lifetime!!

Summary of God's will...

MAT 28:19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations (share your testimony), baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: (lead people to the anointing of the spirit)

20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you (love, instruct, help, serve): and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

We have been offered the greatest possible gift anyone could ever receive... eternal joy, happiness, satisfaction, peace, success and life... let's build a life that reflects the opportunities that lay ahead of us. Without a strong vision and dedicated commitment, we cannot attain the greatest offer in the universe.