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I. Introduction.

- A. Time is short and we need to redeem it.
- B. Keys to developing a work or a man or a woman of God.

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- 1. Where there is no vision the people perish. (Proverbs 21:19)
- 2. The single most striking fact about mainline denominations in the church today is the rapid spread of the disbelief in Jesus.
- 3. We should ask God to allow us to become world Christians—Christians with a vision for the world.
- B. We need an unshakable belief in the totality of the Great Commission. We all have a Samaria in our lives—a people that we do not want to go to.
- C. We need a vision-centered in the promises of God.
 - 1. We need to have an awareness of what God has done in history to have a faith of what He can do today.
 - 2. The impossible becomes possible through God's Word.
 - 3. Few have read the Bible all the way through. One should get believers to read the Bible all the way through yearly.
- D. Vision should include assurance of the personal leading or call of God in one's life.
- E. We need to constantly focus our thoughts and meditations on the person of the Lord Jesus Christ.
- G. We need a ministry foundation laid in a foundation of prayer. (Nehemiah 1)
- H. Be willing to persevere with godly stubbornness for your objectives. You will have to pay a price for God-given objectives.
- I. Diligently search for men and women to help you fulfill your objectives.
 - 1. Believe that God is going to fulfill his promises and He will give you men.
 - 2. We are to pray and watch for quality men and women. (Isaiah 43:45)

1. Be empty of self.
2. Be filled with the Word of God. (Colossians 3:16)
3. A willingness to let the Holy Spirit lead us into all truth.
K. One needs to pray and fast.
1. The Holy Spirit is the energizer.
2. Prayer and fasting bring us through hardships and give us opportunities.
3. Take a day or half day with God for extended fellowship with him for a renewed perspective, for additional supplication and a personal inventory. Wait on the Lord, pray for others and pray for yourself.
II. Prayerful planning.
Application questions.
1. What are three essentials that you see are important in having vision?
2. What is your personal plan for getting through the Bible in a year?
3. What would it take in your personal schedule to have a personal day with God? What are some of your fears? How might God address these? What is your plan?

J. Walk in the fullness of the Holy Spirit. (Ephesians 5:18)