

What is our Vision for the Future?

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Vision for your Personal life

I’m not sure, how many of you read the weekly devotion I’ve sent to you yesterday! In there, I’ve quoted Proverbs 16:3, “Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and he’ll establish your plans,” and pointed out 3 specific instructions the Holy Spirit is giving us:

1) Commit to the Lord whatever we do. If we have a job or a business and if we know what we are doing, and if we are really good at it, we don’t ask God to take over this and give us the ability and wisdom to do it. We might thank God for the job or the business but we do not commit it to him as if we cannot do it without him! We’ll do that only if it is impossible for us, or if we’re at a dead end – we do not know how to move forward! What the Word of God instructing us is to commit to the Lord, whatever you do, whatever you’re faced with, regardless of the fact that if you can handle it or not by yourself!

2) Commit to the Lord whatever you do!! There are many people who expect God to bless them, without them doing anything with their God given talents, abilities and the opportunities! Holy Spirit is asking you to commit whatever you do before him for his blessings – if you ‘re not doing anything, where is that God going to put his blessing on? God rains on the seed you’ve sown! But if you’ve not sown any, nothing is going to come out from the ground even with a torrential downpour!

3) He will establish your plans. You’ve to have a plan for God to establish it. You’re asking God, ‘Lord, change my situation; bless me; give me a breakthrough’ all that is good. However, God’s question to you is, ‘what do you want me to do for you? Where is your plan; let me look at it and so that I can establish it.’ Most of the time our point of reference is what we’ve seen or heard! But what God has for you is ‘never seen, heard or even thought of!’ How do you come up with such a plan? Honestly, you cannot! But God has one for you. We read in Jeremiah 29:11, “For I know the plans I’ve for you”, declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” See, that is the plan God has for you – a wonderful plan to prosper you and a hopeful future! You need to get that from God. And that is the plan you submit back before God for his blessing; not what you bring out of your greed, comparison of others, or selfish desires and short-sighted interests!

How do you receive his plans from God? There are several Scriptures that will give us that answer. However, I’m going to the most familiar and direct answer from the Lord Himself in Mat. 6:33, “But seek first is kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.” Jesus makes this statement as an answer to the many natural concerns people have for their life in this world, such as ‘what will I eat, drink, wear or where do I live’! He starts discussion of such basic human needs and the concerns for such needs in the beginning of the passage in verse 25 and strongly instructs them ‘do not worry.’ From his discussion of how God feeds the birds on the air, clothes the lilies of the field, people normally come to the conclusion that simply by trusting in the goodness and wealth of God, we’re going to be alright; we do not need to worry! But the answer to our basic needs and problems is not in ‘not worrying’ or, not in ‘just trusting in such a big God!’ The answer is in verse 33, “But seek first is kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.” In other words, if you are not

seeking the kingdom of God, you've every reason and need to worry, although worrying is not going to make any difference; but only make things worse!

The answer to all our needs and problems in this world that Jesus gives and I believe is, 'seeking the kingdom of God and his righteousness.' How do you do that? How do you seek God's kingdom and his righteousness? Seeking God's kingdom begins with joining the Kingdom of God through accepting the forgiveness and salvation through the King himself - Jesus Christ! From that moment, the Kingdom should become the first thing in your life – above all else! The Latin word used for seeking first is, '*summum bonum*' means the 'sole concern'!

So many Christians are attempting to get their problems resolved and get prospered and victorious and all that without submitting to God's design for their life in this world. Our blessings, breakthroughs and all good things that come from God is directly connected to how concerned and involved are you in the building of the Kingdom of God. When you're seeking his Kingdom and walking with him, you will receive his plan that is to prosper you directly from him! When his kingdom becomes your sole concern, everything you need in this life will be God's concern. That is where, you can trust him. That is where you don't have to worry about a thing in this world as far as what you'll eat, what you'll drink, what you'll wear, how would you pay your bills or any other!

Conclusion

Can we all stand up as I'm going to close! The same God who spoke to the people of Israel through Prophet Jeremiah is speaking to you this morning, "I know the plans I've for you", declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." But you've to receive this unique plan God has for your life from him. Then as the Bible says, "Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and he'll establish your plans." When his plans become your plan, when his kingdom becomes your 'sole concern' he will take care of every concern that you've that you would not have to worry about a thing! If you're worried about anything in your life, I want you to pray from your heart, 'Lord, help me to seek your kingdom and your righteousness above all in my life.'

Questions for Discussion:

1. What are the 3 instructions we receive from Proverbs 16:3?
 2. In Jeremiah 29:11 we see that God has a plan for each of us. Should we come up with a plan for our lives and submit that to God; or, should we receive the plan God has already for us, accept it, and submit that back to him?
 3. How do we receive God's plan for our lives? Where in the Scripture that Jesus promises this plan?
 4. What does 'seek ye first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness' means?
 5. In Matthew 6, verses 25 thru 32 Jesus instructs and admonishes his disciples 'do not worry'. What is the basis of this 'worry free life' Jesus recommending them? Is it faith? Is it proper planning of life? Or, what is it?
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