

Renewing Our Vision 2 Timothy 1:1-10

Vision has a way of chasing its dream regardless of how many people say it can't be done.

Timothy was going through a time when his vision was fading.

He needed his vision renewed, and that's a big reason why Paul wrote him a second letter.

I. RENEWING OUR VISION FOR WORSHIP 2 Timothy 1:1-3

WE RENEW OUR VISION FOR WORSHIP BY EMBRACING A LIFESTYLE OF DEVOTION TO GOD.

1. For Paul worship was a lifestyle of devotion to God, not just a Sunday morning church activity.

2. Central to the development of that lifestyle is Bible exposition and music.

a. Biblical exposition is systematically teaching from the Bible,

Explaining what the Bible means and how it applies to our lives.

b. Music is perhaps the most powerful universal language.

II. RENEWING OUR VISION FOR PRAYER 2 Timothy 1:4-5

WE RENEW OUR VISION FOR PRAYER BY EXPRESSING OUR HEARTS TO GOD.

For Paul, renewing his vision for prayer simply came from pouring out his heart to God.

No technique, no seven easy steps, but simply expressing his heart to God.."

Someone said,

"Prayer doesn't prepare us for the battle; prayer is the battle."

III. RENEWING OUR VISION FOR SERVICE 2 Timothy 1:6-7

WE RENEW OUR VISION FOR SERVICE BY USING THE GIFTS GOD HAS GIVEN TO US.

Paul encourages Timothy to "fan the flame" of his gift, so it would once again burn brightly.

1. The flame loses its blaze through lack of use, and gradually our gifts become glowing embers.

2. We fuel the fire when we use our gifts.

Do you need your vision for service renewed?

1. Using your gifts will help you renew your vision for service.

2. Draw on the Spirit of power, love and self-discipline God has given you to face your fear.?

IV. RENEWING OUR VISION FOR OUTREACH 2 Timothy 1:8a

WE RENEW OUR VISION FOR OUTREACH BY TESTIFYING ABOUT JESUS.

Do you need your vision for outreach renewed?

1. It comes through facing our fears and testifying about Jesus. Personal Evangelism

a. It means sharing with those around us the good news of Christ.

b. It means building relationships with un-churched people.

Bethlehem is to be a church that works in partnership with members:

1. Each member reaching out with Christ's love to lost and un-churched friends and neighbors.

2. It is easy to become so distracted by life that we're no longer living out this partnership.

V. RENEWING OUR VISION FOR NURTURE 1 Timothy 1:8b-10

WE RENEW OUR VISION FOR NURTURE BY RESPONDING TO GOD'S CALL TO A HOLY LIFE.

Once God saves us, he calls us to live differently.

He calls us to nurture a holy life.

Bethlehem is to be a church

Where we are developing a biblical worldview through our worship – Studies – and outreach.

Where we think deeply and biblically about the great issues facing our generation.

Where we learn how and are challenged to:

love God with all our heart and mind, and serve him with all our strength.