

How's Your Focus?

What's your goal or vision in life with respect to work/career, family, and ultimately are we leaving our mark (or legacy) on people we've touched for Christ, or not. These are questions I quite often pose to myself introspectively, or better yet let's give the Holy Spirit credit for asking me these questions. There are times that I "kick myself" (so to speak) for past failures, but slowly but surely I'm growing in areas that it counts most; that being what matters to our Lord is what should matter to me to keep various aspects of my life in balance.

A man meets three workers at a building site.

He asks the first one: "What are you doing?" – "I'm laying bricks."

He asks the next one: "What are you doing?" – "I'm building a wall."

The man walks up to the third worker and asks him the same question.

This worker looks up with a smile on his face and says: "I'm building a church."

Focusing specifically on the spiritual aspect of my life, this anecdote speaks to me in the fact that to be a man of God (and like David in our Bible, a "man after God's on heart") that I need to keep three things in mind:

1. I need to have the right attitude about my work (e.g., my ministry, if you will), and see "the church." (Not the physical structure but His people) Sometimes I get caught up in doing stuff that I forget the higher and expected calling Christ has on my life is for the lost and dying souls around me every day.
2. OK, now that I understand that I'm one who is helping to "build His church" the next step is to decide which walls I am going to build. I.e., my ministry areas (goals) that will effectively and affectively aligns with the vision of our Lord.
3. With a vision for "building His church," a goal for reaching the lost, then my next step is to "lay those bricks." Meaning, be a man of action for Christ.

Some scriptures come to mind related to what I've shared:

"Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 2:5).

"Where there is no vision, the people perish" (Proverbs 29:18).

"Be you doers of the Word, and not hearers only" (James 1:12).

I encourage you, as I'm encouraged, to do what He's called us to do, to reach hearts for Him to ultimately build his church. As I close this article, I'm in prayer that I will have some positive impact on a life during those divine appointments where the Holy Spirit leads me.

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