

EMAIL FOUR

Good Evening

Hi, it is Pastor Conrad with Week Four of our Church of Hope Evangelism and Ministry Training Course.

The Topic for this week is: The importance of having a clear God given vision for our lives and churches and being continually filled with the Holy Spirit.

With the world more and more experiencing much unrest and turmoil, how we need to be making the most of every God given opportunity to share the gospel with those around us. That we are not distracted from this very important task of winning souls to Christ and equipping others to do so.

I have also seen many Christians under spiritual attack in their walk with the Lord who need to be encouraged and built up in their faith.

For this week the Lord put on my heart to teach on a very important subject, "the importance of have a clear God given vision for our life and churches." It is important that all Christians have a clear God given vision for their life to keep them focused in their walk with the Lord. In the book of Proverbs we read, "Where there is no revelation, the people cast off restraint; But happy is he who keeps the law." **(Proverbs 29:18)**

With many distractions and events happening around us, having a clear God given vision and focus for our life is crucial. Jesus Himself also said, "And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold. But he who endures to the end shall be saved." **(Matthew 24:12-13)** God has so much planned for our lives and churches. With a clear God given vision we have the ability to make a great impact in this world for eternity. The Apostle Paul wrote, "Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us." **(Ephesians 3:20)**

The second area that I felt to teach on was the importance of being continually filled with the Holy Spirit so that we minister from a position of spiritual strength. As we give out to others we also ourselves need to be continually filled with the Holy Spirit. **(Ephesians 5:18)** Being continually filled with the Holy Spirit is also a key to being effective in witnessing to and preaching to other others. **(Acts 1:8)** - The Harvest is ripe NOW. I have attached for this section of this study a teaching on being continually filled with the Holy Spirit which shows the clear distinction between the New Birth experience of the Holy Spirit and the overflowing fullness of the Baptism in the Holy Spirit experience of the Holy Spirit.

THE TEACHINGS FOR THIS WEEK ARE AS FOLLOWS:

1) The Two Page Study Guide for Week Four: The importance of having a clear God given vision for our life and churches and being continually filled with the Holy Spirit

TEACHINGS

2) Every Great Leader has a clear vision for their life and church (2 pages)

3) An overview of what is important for all church leaders (3 pages)

4) The importance of setting goals (2 pages)

5) Our Blacktown Church Vision (1 page)

6) Being Continually Filled with the Holy Spirit (4 pages)

7) Optional Teaching: Two Page Growth Key No. 20: The importance of being filled with (Baptized in) the Holy Spirit

Some Questions for Self Evaluation

- i) Have you sought the Lord for a clear God given vision for you life and church?
- ii) Do I actively as a pastor encourage all Christians to find and follow God's Ephesians 2:10 plan for their life?
- iii) Is the vision for the church clearly written down and able to be read by those in your church?
- iv) Are you in the habit of writing in a journal what God speaks to you in your quiet times?
- v) Do you consistently seek the Lord for His ongoing direction to make plans to see His vision for your church come to pass?
- vi) Do you have a clear vision for evangelizing the community, raising up and appointing leaders, making disciples and equipping Christians for the work of ministry?, and
- vii) Are you flowing in your God given gifts and calling as a pastor and delegating tasks that others can do so that you focus on what God is calling you to do

Well here goes for week four. May you enjoy the readings

God Bless

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