

A CHURCH WITH A VISION:

VISION AND STRATEGY

Acts 13:1-12

Strategic planning is worthless unless there is first a strategic vision. A strategic vision is a clear image of what you want to achieve, which then organizes and instructs every step toward that goal. NASA had such a strategic vision when they said we will “Put a man on the moon by the end of the decade.” Contrast that focus with the suggestion that “We going to be a world leader in space exploration,” which doesn’t organize anything.

I. DEMANDS OF THE VISION/STRATEGY:

- A. Best Talent/Leadership - Transformational/Transactional - verse 1.
 - 1. This is what the vision requires, always.
- B. God’s call to the task - vs. 2.
- C. Dedicated to the vision - vs. 3.
- D. God’s providential grace - vs. 4.
- E. Vision in every context - vs. 5.
 - 1. Vision is a clear image of what is to be accomplished.

II. DIFFICULTIES BECAUSE OF THE VISION:

- A. Roots/Home/Identification.
- B. Perils of strategy.
- C. Stan’s power is more aggressive - vs. 6.
- D. Opposition to change - vs. 8.
- E. Fickle friendship - vs. 13.

III. DELIGHTS FROM THE VISION:

- A. God’s Promise/Providence - vss. 2-4.
- B. Great opportunities - vs. 5.
- C. Always real concern - vs. 7.
- D. Blessings - vs. 12.

MYOPIA - must be avoided at all costs.

1. A visual defect in which distant objects appear blurred because their images are focused in front of the retina rather than on it; nearsightedness. Also called short sight.
2. Lack of foresight or tunnel vision.
3. Lack of discernment or long-range perspective in thinking or planning: