

# **Vision**

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## I. Introduction.

A. If you do not have vision, people perish. (Proverbs 29:18)

B. Vision is not found in the possession of babies.

## II. Vision is where a person is going and what he is going to do when he gets there.

A. Vision is a lifetime objective.

B. Vision usually has a basic strategy.

## III. If a vision is not based on the promises of God, it is not God-given.

A. A man with vision sees more than others.

B. A man with vision sees more clearly than others see.

## IV. The vision of the Baptist Student Union.

A. God has set Israel aside for a period so that He may bring many Gentiles to himself.

B. God is raising up men to evangelize.

C. Southern Baptists have always had a heart for evangelism.

D. God can use a person greatly within his lifetime (e.g., Martin Luther, Dawson Trotman).

E. Dawson Trotman helped people see the value of man-to-man work.

F. The great concern is not just reaching more—there is a problem with the basic purpose and methods. (I Thessalonians 2:9)

1. We need to try to help people individually.

2. We need to look for select people to train.

G. Many Southern Baptists do not have the privilege of personal training.

H. There are great opportunities to serve. The true servant serves when he is needed, not when it is convenient.

I. One cannot get away from the church. We cannot avoid the multitudes. (Colossians 1:28-29)

J. Limiting factors.

1. The quality of life—character building.
2. Ministry skills.
3. Imparting vision.

**Application questions:**

1. What is your vision? How is it grounded in a biblical world-view?

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2. Why look for select people to train instead of just anyone?

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3. Why is it important to recognize the role of the church in ministry? Explain.

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