

Revisiting Vision: Intentional in Actions

Various Texts

Intentionality

- In the Church's work of building God's kingdom, we must be focused
 - We can hardly be successful in being disciples if we are not disciplined (1 Cor 9:24-27)
- Discipline should NOT be a dirty word associated with punishment
 - But rather, intentional training of the heart, mind, soul, & body to better love Jesus & others (1 Tim 4:7-10)

Individual Intentionality

- This begins with our mindset → Renewed Minds (Rom 12:2; Col 3:2)
 - Filtering what we let in
- This extends to our habits → Holy Rhythms
 - Daily time in prayer & Scripture (Ps 1:1-3)
 - Time Stewardship (Eph 5:15-16)
- This leads to a focused personal mission → Active Witness
 - Praying by name for neighbors, coworkers, friends, & family
 - Looking for ways to show Christ's love in word & deed (Matt 5:14-16; 1 Pet 3:15-16a)

Corporate Intentionality

- Moving from spectator attendance to active contribution (Heb 10:24-25; Acts 2:42-47)
 - Giving & Serving (more on this later)
 - Mutual Edification & Discipleship (Col. 3:16; Pro 27:17)
- A healthy church serves as a sending center, not *just* a gathering place (Matt 28:19-20; Acts 1:8)

So What?

Are we living intentionally to glorify God and draw others to Him?

Personal Applications

- Schedule time for unhurried prayer & time in Scripture
- Pray specifically for a friend, coworker, neighbor, or family member who does not know Jesus. Ask God for opportunities to share Christ's love with them in word & deed
- Connect with other Christians for fellowship & growth

Meditation Verse: *1 Timothy 4:7b-8*