

Matt 21:12-16

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13 And said unto them, It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves.

14 And the blind and the lame came to him in the temple; and he healed them.

15 And when the chief priests and scribes saw the wonderful things that he did, and the children crying in the temple, and saying, Hosanna to the Son of David; they were sore displeased,

16 And said unto him, Hearest thou what these say? And Jesus saith unto them, Yea; have ye never read, Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings thou hast perfected praise?  
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One of our greatest needs and motivations for change is having a vision. People who dream are people who achieve great things.

People who dream are people that make great sacrifices to see their dream fulfilled.

Dreams give our life a purpose.

## God is a Dream Giver!

He has dreams for each one of our lives. He has dreams for His church. He has dreams for Western Hills Church.

God's dream for His church

- House of Purity

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- House of Power

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- House of Praise

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God calls men to lead the church to fulfill His dreams for the church. God gives these men dreams about how to work out His dream for the church.

It is here that dreams become subjective. Another word for subjective would be personal. For example, God wants the church to be a house of purity. He wants us the church to make disciples that are pure.

We know that God cleanses His church thru the preaching and teaching of the Word.

But how does God want us to be organized to accomplish this mission? Does He want us to have a designated man to preach and teach from this pulpit each Sunday? Does He want us to have smaller classes for various needs and age groups? Does He want us to meet in homes? What curriculum does He want us to follow? Who should be the teachers?

This is very subjective. We know we are to make disciples that are pure. But how are we going to work out this dream at Western Hills?

Because we do not have the same kind of guide that we have for the greater vision of the church, the dreams that men have for organization are subject to greater controversy. It is very difficult for everyone to agree.

The advisory counsel has asked me to lead them and our staff in working out God's vision for our church. With their counsel and support they want me to lead our staff and the church in fleshing out the vision.

I have accepted this responsibility and will fulfill it to the best of my ability.

I approach this role with fear and trembling. It is awesome responsibility to work out a vision for the church of the living God.

We do not see clearly. Our knowledge has not been perfected. In an abundance of counselors there is wisdom. This can minimize our mistakes but it will never eliminate them even when everyone agrees.

## **To do greater works, great risks must be taken!**

My commitment to you is that...

I will spend much time in prayer, fasting, and seeking Godly counsel.

I will keep my heart and my life pure.

I will depend on God's power.

I will praise God for any success we experience.

Your commitment to me must be...

You will spend much time in prayer for me, our staff, and our advisory counsel.

You will keep your heart and your life pure.

You will depend upon God's power for your service.

You will praise God for any success we experience.