



# Vision Matters: Active

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## I. An Active Faith

**Matthew 28:16-20** (NIV) *Jesus gives the Great Commission* **16** Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. **17** When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. **18** Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. **19** Therefore **go and make disciples of all nations**, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, **20** and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

 The command is to \_\_\_\_\_.

## II. Two Ways to Live

**Galatians 5:13-18** (NIV) *Paul's instruction on life in the Spirit...* **13** You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love. **14** For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself." **15** If you bite and devour each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other. **16** So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. **17** For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want. **18** But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

 Whether you realize it or not, your life is controlled by one of two things:  
1) \_\_\_\_\_ or 2) \_\_\_\_\_

**Romans 8:8-9** (NASB '95) *Deliverance from Bondage* **8** and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. **9** However, you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. But if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him.

**Titus 2:11-13** (NASB '95) *How to live as a believer...* **11** For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men, **12** instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously and godly in the present age, **13** looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus...

**John 14:16-17** (NASB '95) *Jesus promises the Holy Spirit...* **16** I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever; **17** that is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does

not see Him or know Him, *but* you know Him because He abides with you and will be in you.

## III. Acts in Keeping with Repentance

**Acts 26:19-20** (NKJV) *Paul's Conversion Story...* **19** "Therefore, King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision, **20** but declared first to those in Damascus and in Jerusalem, and throughout all the region of Judea, and *then* to the Gentiles, that they should repent, turn to God, and do works befitting repentance.

 We are called to follow Jesus in a \_\_\_\_\_.

**Jeremiah 18:11** (NKJV) *An invitation to repentance...* **11** "Now therefore, speak to the men of Judah and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, saying, 'Thus says the Lord: "Behold, I am fashioning a disaster and devising a plan against you. Return now every one from his evil way, and make your ways and your doings good." ' "

**Jeremiah 35:15** (NKJV) *Jeremiah to the Rechabites...* **15** I have also sent to you all My servants the prophets, rising up early and sending *them*, saying, 'Turn now everyone from his evil way, amend your doings, and do not go after other gods to serve them; then you will dwell in the land which I have given you and your fathers.' But you have not inclined your ear, nor obeyed Me.

**Luke 3:8** (NKJV) *John the Baptist on repentance...* **8** Therefore bear fruits worthy of repentance, and do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as *our* father.' For I say to you that God is able to raise up children to Abraham from these stones.

Three stages of Repentance and Conversion:

- ① Repentance for \_\_\_\_\_
- ② Turning to \_\_\_\_\_
- ③ \_\_\_\_\_ of faith and new life

**James 1:21-24** (NKJV) **21** Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

**22** But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. **23** For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; **24** for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was.

This Week's Bible Readings (Use the TCND App if you want to listen):

- Sat. Aug. 12, Jer. 8–10  Sun. Aug. 13, Jer. 11-13  Mon. Aug. 14, Jer. 14-16
- Tue. Aug. 15, Jer. 17–19  wed. Aug. 16, Jer. 20–22  Thur. Aug. 17, Jer. 23–25
- Fri. Aug. 18, Jer. 26–28  Sat. Aug. 19, Jer. 29–30  Sun. Aug. 20, Jer. 31-32