

Spiritual Fitness: Stewardship of the Soul

1 Corinthians 9:24–27

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The Lord's Day Morning

January 7, 2018

Why This Series To Begin 2018?

Q: What is Vision 2020?

A: Our vision is that by 2020, we will be prepared to accommodate 1750 worshippers at First Bible Church who are significantly involved in the Great Commission. We are asking the Lord to multiply the number of disciples who *gather* at First Bible Church, *grow* in our community groups, and *go* to the nations to persuade them to be reconciled to God through Christ alone (2 Cor. 5:11, 20; Mt. 28:18–20).

Q2: What are the two initiatives involved in *Vision 2020*?

A2: The first initiative focuses on people as we build a qualified team of staff members who are gifted and trained to equip our members to make disciples. The second initiative focuses on a place for people, as we plan to build a permanent location for the Madison Campus. *Vision 2020* includes a stewardship campaign, *Focus for the Great Commission*, which has become a logistical need to fulfill our mission.

Q3: What is the role of spiritual fitness in *Vision 2020*?

A3: While only God can cause our growth, we are responsible to prepare for growth as a church family by being spiritually fit, unified, and organized.

Three elements necessary to becoming spiritually fit (1 Corinthians 9:24–27):

1. _____: The self-control to _____ on Sunday morning to feast on the Word together (_____).
2. _____: The self-control to _____ in a community group and support each other (_____).
3. _____: The self-control to _____ and do the work of the ministry God has called you to do (_____).

Application: Organize to Energize!

1. _____ to a quiet place to assess your spiritual fitness.
2. _____ to gather with your church family for these “team meetings:”

January 21 Attend the Specially Called Congregational Meeting at 5:15 p.m.

January 28 Participate in an ABF (Adult Bible Fellowship) to receive critical information about Vision 2020. Even if you don't normally attend an ABF, we need you there!

February 2,3 Strengthen your marriage by attending the *Thrive Marriage Conference* with Gary Thomas. Register online at www.fbc.org under “Current Registrations”.

February 9,10 Enjoy great food and fellowship at the *Vision 2020 Dinner*, either Friday or Saturday. Register today in Coffee Commons (Decatur Campus) or in the Lobby (Madison Campus)! There is no charge, but you will still need a ticket.

3. _____ your membership vows.