

## 20-20 Vision

1. We are **saved** by **faith**.

Romans 5:1 Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

Galatians 2:16 nevertheless knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the Law but through faith in Christ Jesus, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, so that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the Law; since by the works of the Law no flesh will be justified.

Ephesians 2:8 For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God;

2. One of the main ingredients in our **spiritual** growth and **maturity** is **faith**.

2 Corinthians 5:7 for we walk by faith, not by sight—

Galatians 2:20 “I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.

Philippians 3:9 and may be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own derived from the Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which comes from God on the basis of faith,

3. Without **faith** it is **impossible** to **please** God.

Hebrews 11:6 And without faith it is impossible to please God, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.

4. With **faith** we can move **mountains** and accomplish **great** things with our life for God.

Matthew 17:20 And He said to them, “Because of the littleness of your faith; for truly I say to you, if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will

say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you.

5. **Faith** is demonstrated by **asking** God to give us the **desires** of our heart.

Mark 10:47-52 When he heard that it was Jesus the Nazarene, he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many were sternly telling him to be quiet, but he kept crying out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" And Jesus stopped and said, "Call him here." So they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take courage, stand up! He is calling for you." Throwing aside his cloak, he jumped up and came to Jesus. And answering him, Jesus said, "What do you want Me to do for you?" And the blind man said to Him, "Rabboni, I want to regain my sight!" And Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and began following Him on the road.

1 Kings 3:5 In Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream at night; and God said, "Ask what you wish me to give you."

1 Kings 3:7-9 "Now, O LORD my God, You have made Your servant king in place of my father David, yet I am but a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. "Your servant is in the midst of Your people which You have chosen, a great people who are too many to be numbered or counted. "So give Your servant an understanding heart to judge Your people to discern between good and evil. For who is able to judge this great people of Yours?"

1 Kings 3:12 behold, I have done according to your words. Behold, I have given you a wise and discerning heart, so that there has been no one like you before you, nor shall one like you arise after you.

Psalms 37:4-5 Delight yourself in the LORD; And He will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the LORD, Trust also in Him, and He will do it.

6. The more **specific** the **request** the greater the **faith**.

Matthew 8:5-10 And when Jesus entered Capernaum, a centurion came to Him, imploring Him, and saying, "Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, fearfully tormented." Jesus said to him, "I will come and heal him."

But the centurion said, "Lord, I am not worthy for You to come under my roof, but just say the word, and my servant will be healed. "For I also am a man under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to this one, 'Go!' and he goes, and to another, 'Come!' and he comes, and to my slave, 'Do this!' and he does it." Now when Jesus heard this, He marveled and said to those who were following, "Truly I say to you, I have not found such great faith with anyone in Israel.

7. **Numbers** matter to **God**, and are a key to being **specific**.

Acts 2:41 So then, those who had received his word were baptized; and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

Acts 4:4 But many of those who had heard the message believed; and the number of the men came to be about five thousand.

John 21:11 Simon Peter went up, and drew the net to land, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three; and although there were so many, the net was not torn.

Luke 9:14-17 (For there were about five thousand men.) And He said to His disciples, "Have them recline to eat in groups of about fifty each." And they did so, and had them all recline. And He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, He blessed them, and broke them, and kept giving them to the disciples to set before the multitude. And they all ate and were satisfied; and the broken pieces which they had left over were picked up, twelve baskets full.

Ezra 2:64-67 The whole assembly numbered 42,360, besides their male and female servants, who numbered 7,337; and they had 200 singing men and women. Their horses were 736; their mules, 245; their camels, 435; their donkeys, 6,720.

8. Whole church **agreement** on specific **requests** is amazingly **powerful**.

Acts 12:12 And when he realized this, he went to the house of Mary, the mother of John who was also called Mark, where many were gathered together and were praying.

Matthew 18:19 “Again I say to you, that if two of you agree on earth about anything that they may ask, it shall be done for them by My Father who is in heaven.

1 John 5:14 This is the confidence which we have before Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.

9. As we faithfully **pray** about our specific **requests** our faith **grows** stronger.

Romans 4:20 yet, with respect to the promise of God, he did not waver in unbelief but grew strong in faith, giving glory to God,

10. As we faithfully pray about our specific **requests** our **“want”** for the request to happen gets **stronger**.

Psalms 123:2 Behold, as the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master, As the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress, So our eyes look to the LORD our God, Until He is gracious to us.

Genesis 32:26 Then he said, “Let me go, for the dawn is breaking.” But he said, “I will not let you go unless you bless me.”

11. As our **“want”** for the request to happen gets **stronger** our willingness to do **“whatever it takes”** to make it happen gets stronger.

12. As our **“want”** for the request to happen gets stronger our **volume of prayer** gets more.

13. As the cycle of measurable goals, **praying**, wanting, **sacrificing**, and **faith** grows it isn't long until we are moving **mountains** into the **sea**.

Matthew 21:21 And Jesus answered and said to them, “Truly I say to you, if you have faith and do not doubt, you will not only do what was done to the fig tree, but even if you say to this mountain, ‘Be taken up and cast into the sea,’ it will happen.

#1 want of JBC – An average of **1,000** people coming to worship services each weekend by the end of **2013**.

2 Peter 3:9 The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance.

1 Timothy 2:4 who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

Acts 1:8 but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth.”

#2 want of JBC – An average of **2,000** people coming to worship services each weekend by the end of **2020**.

#3 want of JBC – The Christian **Education building** finished by Oct 27th of **2015**.

#4 want of JBC – **500** people to be **baptized** by the end of **2020**.

Matthew 28:19 “Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,

#5 want of JBC – That Pastor Dee’s **preaching** will be super **annointed** by God so that those who hear the **sermons** at JBC, on the **radio**, on the web, and at **seminars** will have a supernatural **encounter** with God.

Ephesians 6:19 and pray on my behalf, that utterance may be given to me in the opening of my mouth, to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel,

Colossians 4:3 praying at the same time for us as well, that God will open up to us a door for the word, so that we may speak forth the mystery of Christ, for which I have also been imprisoned;

2 Thessalonians 3:1 Finally, brethren, pray for us that the word of the Lord will spread rapidly and be glorified, just as it did also with you;

2 Corinthians 1:11 you also joining in helping us through your prayers, so that thanks may be given by many persons on our behalf for the favor bestowed on us through the prayers of many.

Romans 15:30 Now I urge you, brethren, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to strive together with me in your prayers to God for me,

I would not be over stating it a bit by saying that your ministry, the seminar, and my accountability group has been one of the most significant impacts on my life spiritually. Before, I easily fit into that un-talked about category of pastor's with a token-prayer life. Since going to the seminar two and a half years ago, and signing up to be part of the 2011 group, there has hardly been a day go by that I haven't prayed at least one hour. The accountability of my group has been a huge part of what it took for me to finally become a pastor of prayer. For the first time in my ministry, I can look at 99.9% of my people in the eye and say to them, "I have been praying for you," and honestly mean it. I would also add that since beginning my own "prayer quest" my church has experienced the greatest growth in its history, and in my 30 years of ministry experience. I have been at the Brookings Church of the Nazarene for 11.5 years now. For all those years it has been the same pastor, same style of preaching, pretty much the same style of worship, and the same ministries being offered, but since I began praying in earnest our fellowship has really grown. I see no other explanation than that of "much prayer—much blessing." My deep thanks to you and your church for providing such a vital ministry that breathed new life into this preacher.

Rick Green  
Senior Pastor  
Brookings Church of the Nazarene

**"I have been to a lot of seminars in 25 years of Pastoral Ministry, but the Great Commission Seminar is one that has helped me the most. I have returned every year for 12 years and have been in one of Dee's Pastors' groups ever since my first conference in 2001. Next to seminary, this has been the most formative and impacting event in my ministry. Since using the principles for leadership, prayer, goal setting and the host of other great information Pastor Dee has shared, I have seen God move in some exciting and very powerful ways in my ministry and our church. I now teach Dee's Men's Leadership class and it has helped shape a new generation of Elders here at First Baptist! I keep returning because it always gives me new fuel and**

**vision as I start the year in January. Through this seminar I have also met new Pastor Friends who have helped and encouraged me countless times. I never miss a chance to tell other Pastors about the conference and even brought my entire Elder Board one year. I also brought my youth pastor another year and he liked it so much he joined your staff! (Chris Robertson). But it was a great opportunity for him and certainly not to be missed! I thank-you so much for making this wonderful resource available and especially for sharing Dee with thousands of other Pastors like me who have grown and been blessed by his wisdom and influence over the years.**

**Thanks so much!**

**Michael Parks  
First Baptist Church Of Independence, Oregon**

I first came to Dee's Prayer Seminar at JBC in 2001. I was invited by three leaders at the church I was called to pastor in Lakewood, Washington. I got so much out of the practical training Dee provided, and was especially challenged to become a pastor that was devoted to prayer. I signed up for a pastor's accountability group, and have been involved in Dee's groups for pastors almost every year out of the last 12. They have been so helpful to me as a pastor. Sometimes (actually most of the time) I dread the 3 1/2 drive to and from Washington for my face-to-face pastor's groups... and almost every time on the way home I am praising and thanking God for how once again He used Dee to provide advice and encouragement that uniquely met the needs I have at the time. That happened again this week... the big question I am dealing with right now as a pastor is about leading our church leadership with vision and direction for the future. Dee's experience and practical wisdom were exactly what I needed to formulate what we need to do next in our own church. In addition I have been leading our church in Concerts of Prayers, Prayer Evangelism, 7 for Heaven outreach Sundays, Men's Leadership Classes, etc. for over 8 years now. Many of the small group leaders and elders in our church have come up through the men's leadership classes. I can't say thank you enough to Dee and to the people of JBC for ministering to us over the last 12 years by hosting the Prayer Seminar's each year for us and for the pastor's accountability groups that Dee leads. You have made a tremendous difference in this pastor's life and ministry for the past 12 years. We are grateful!

Jim Kennington  
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Without the prayer seminar and the Accountability Group I would have burned out and quit the ministry long ago. Instead, through daily prayer and Bible reading (over 4 years without a missed day of Bible reading) I am closer to God now than ever. The Accountability Group continues to sharpen my leadership skills and helps me problem solve and I get to encourage other pastors and help them problem solve in return. Another blessing is that I now bring my older children to the prayer seminar and they are making goals and becoming spiritual leaders in the youth group at our church. A future blessing I hope for is that: I will, one day, preach better than Dee! Thank you Dee and Thank you JBC! Sincerely, Wayne Rowe