

*Without vision my people perish (Prov. 28:19).*

Teaching the word of God is one of the ministries of the church. It is very important that each congregation has a plan to teach Jesus and the Bible to each person. While I would not go so far to say that it is the most important ministry, it is without a doubt very important in the spiritual life of a congregation.

Without 'vision' God's people will cease to be God's people. Time and again we can read in the OT that when God's people did not follow the Law, they found themselves in trouble. In this case, the word 'vision' means a revelation from God, or the insight gained by the reading and obeying of God's word. Without a good understanding of the Scriptures, God's people will spiritually perish.

The same is true for us today in the church. We must be a people of the Book. Without 'vision' we will most certainly perish. History will repeat itself (God's people getting into trouble) if we do not spend time teaching and learning the Bible.

This Sunday (Oct 15) Sunnyside will take time to honor those who are trying to make a difference in the lives of others by being Bible class teachers. We honor those who by their sacrifice of time and preparation are giving the rest of us 'vision.' I hope you will be present at this congregational potluck and support our teachers.

Bible teachers are special to me because:

They believe the Bible is the word of God.

They know of the need to share the Bible with others.

They pay the price of preparation to do the job right.

They bear fruit that others might spiritually benefit.

I am where I am today (spiritually speaking) because of faithful Bible class teachers.

See you Sunday! -gls