

# My Challenge to Vision Baptist of Cobb County

1. It is God's will to see churches planted all over this world  
**Matthew 28:18** And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.  
**19** Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: **20 Teaching them to observe all things** whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you *always, even* unto the end of the world. Amen.
  - a. The church at Jerusalem was a fairly self concerned, selfish church
  - b. The church at Antioch was into giving the best they had to take the gospel around the world
  - c. To make this work calls for several things from us
    - i. Great commitment to our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ
    - ii. Great sacrifice to make happen what it takes to build a church
    - iii. Great self denial to not try and be important or to think too much of ourselves
      1. What we are giving
      2. What we are doing

3. How important our part is

d. Church done right relies on Jesus to build His church

**Matthew 16:18** And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

e. Church done right brings great honor and glory to Him

2. Some commitments that I ask from each of you

a. To really know that this is about Jesus and getting His gospel to the world.

b. To know that this is not about having the best place for your family or your comfort

c. To know that God will lead through all the difficult circumstances

d. To know that love each other and put up with each other  
**Colossians 3:13** Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also *do ye*.

e. Remember you are all but servants of the Lord Jesus in this endeavor

i. A servant has no rights

ii. A servant doesn't get thanked

- iii. A servant serves at the pleasure of another
- iv. A servant doesn't think about himself but his Master
- v. A servant has no will of his own

3. A word to a young leader [I Timothy 4:12](#) **Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.**

- a. You are not to give any reason to anyone to criticize your youth
- b. There will be enough of that normally
- c. You are to be the example of the believers
- d. You are to be careful of the words you use
  - i. Speak with tenderness to all
  - ii. To the older men as though they were your dad
  - iii. To the older women as your mother
  - iv. To the young men and women as your brother or sister
- e. Your conversation or lifestyle should be that of a man of God
  - i. Walk with God
  - ii. Be a man of prayer
  - iii. Study deeply in the Word of God

- iv. Be willing to be there for all
- f. Let love be the best word to describe you
  - i. Love Jesus most of all
  - ii. Love His book
  - iii. Love the members that God gives us in the church
  - iv. Love people, just like they are
  - v. Love young and old
- g. Show the people how to trust God
- h. Show the people how to live a pure life totally given to God