

***Church growth should be a byproduct
of a church's vision and not the vision
itself***

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“Souls for the Kingdom” should be the goal for every believer, and how much more for the church? The number of souls matters. However, when we start counting we often take our eyes off Jesus to tally the results, many times for our own edification. We should keep our focus on Kingdom expansion, instead of church growth, remembering that it may cost your church to accomplish God’s will. The consequences are similar to Peter’s experience of walking on the water. As long as he trusted Jesus and kept his eyes on Him, all was okay. But, when he began looking at the natural conditions, his focus switched from Kingdom activity to natural activity. The outcome was man’s best attempt to walk on water.

When you look at the vision God has for your life, for your church, keep in mind that observable growth is secondary to God-approved growth, and that is sometimes difficult if not impossible to measure with the natural mind and eyes.

Prayer for Today

God, help me keep my eyes on You and Your principles of life. Give me wisdom to walk by faith, not by sight, especially when I think I know what’s best. I commit to trust You and to value Kingdom increase over temporary natural bounty. Your plan for me and our church is good, and You bless us in our obedience.

Scriptures for Today

2 Corinthians 5:7 For we walk by faith, not by sight. (KJV)

Matthew 14:28 Peter said to Him, “Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water.” (NAS95)

Proverbs 11:30 The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, and he that winneth souls is wise. (KJV)