

*If it's your baby, you raise it*

September 30

Some years ago, a man and his wife visited our church. They asked for and received an appointment with me to share the vision they believed God had given them. As I listened, I became concerned that they were missing an important element of any vision ... the responsibility to take care of something after it is birthed. You see they told me they were called to help churches by beginning a bus ministry. However, after much discussion they remained firmly uncommitted to work in that ministry or to be responsible for any aspects of its continued care and success. They desired to impregnate our church with their seeds of desire but felt no obligation to provide anything thereafter. In fact, they were committed to no church or any ministry except their own. I rebuked them for being so shallow as to think that churches or church leaders, for that matter, were short on vision. It's not vision we lack but people who are committed to care for the ministries after they are birthed. So, if God makes you the father or mother of a ministry, commit to do more than just have the baby ... raise the baby.

*Prayer for Today*

Dear Lord, help me to have the good sense to be responsible beyond merely impregnating others with my ideas. Give me the wisdom it takes to continue caring for those things which You bring to birth through me.

*Scriptures for Today*

2 Corinthians 11:28 Besides the other things, what comes upon me daily: my deep concern for all the churches. (NKJV)

2 Corinthians 8:16 But thanks be to God, which put the same earnest care into the heart of Titus for you. (KJV)

Philippians 2:20 For I have no man like-minded, who will naturally care for your state. (KJV)