

Facing Our Future

"Service Fueled by Divine Power"

Psalm 127:1-2



OUR VISION: HOW TO BE AN ISLAND OF SANITY?

5. We will devote ourselves to service fueled by Divine power. We seek to be of service to God by being of service to our neighbors. It is not our job to change the world, or change the hearts of our neighbors ... that is God's. Our job is to love, to serve, and to testify to the truth of God's Word, to the best of our ability. To do this, we devote ourselves to spiritual disciplines such as Bible study, meditation, and prayer. We do this, not so that our piety and prayers will convince God to accomplish our purposes in the world; but rather that these disciplines will change and refine us, so that our words and actions would manifest the power of the Spirit within us ... and not the arrogance and reactivity of our "flesh" (or ego -- the old, small self).

REMINDERS ABOUT SERVICE FROM PSALM 127:

1. The efforts we put forth _____ (v 1)
2. If we're on the wrong track, our _____ (v 2)
3. These verses don't mean that we _____ (Eph 2:8-10, Rom 12:9-11)

SO WHAT IS OUR JOB?

- to _____
- to _____
- to _____
- to do this _____
- And then ... _____