

Leadership In The Building Of God

It is difficult, if not impossible
for a church or for a work of the Lord
to rise higher or to walk further
than the ministry that feeds it.

Vision is paramount...
no vision, no church
little vision, little church
much vision, much church.

We may do less than we see
but it is near axiom to affirm
we will never build around us
what we have not seen within us

Such vision is not assumed
it must be received
from and with God
and made tangible, practiced, shepherded
it must be lived out, clothed with divine secretion and infused
by the Spirit into the spirit and heart of its receivers.

Its sight
must become rainbows of faith and light in seekers of the Divine
must dwell in the passions of mercy until He becomes them
and the world believes in Christ after watching them live

Its motion
must become enjoyment of His death to lives of the self
must relish His resurrection amidst all that could not be
must be a nourishment in truth that the saints may be fed

Its effect
must be radiated, exuded by lives that hope, validated
by spiritual peace, by inward and reflected peace
by built-up relatedness of the Spirit among all the saints

Its affirmation
must dwell among others in yielding, by imparting, by serving
must be realized by the sprouting, by lifestyles among the re-born
and the processing of eternal life in the present
by example in the mutuality of brotherly love

And finally,
it must be the practicality, the maturity of divine expression
through exercised unity of an uplifted, renewed humanity
called "the church, which is His Body"
the Building "made without hands"
the Dwelling Place of God
where God dwells in us
where we dwell in God.

