

EYES OF EVANGELISM

*“The North American Church is suffering from a severe mission amnesia. It has forgotten **why it exists**”.* Reggie McGillis

- Western society is moving culture to be more Myopic (selfish).
- As it does so, the mission of the church fades away. (selfless)

Matthew 28:18-19 – Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Therefore **GO** and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

Nehemiah 8:9-10 – ⁹ Then Nehemiah the governor, Ezra the priest and teacher of the Law, and the Levites who were instructing the people said to them all, "This day is holy to the LORD your God. Do not mourn or weep." For all the people had been weeping as they listened to the words of the Law. ¹⁰ Nehemiah said, "Go and enjoy choice food and sweet drinks, and send some to those who have nothing prepared. This day is holy to our Lord. Do not grieve, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

This is a holy day!

If the devil can steal your joy by making you observe the circumstances of life, then he will win the battle over your life.

- If you're not strong, you are weak
- If you are weak, you can't fight
- If you can't fight, you won't win

And the greatest depth of joy is experienced when we affect others in eternal ways.

John 4:35-36 – ³⁵ Don't you have a saying, 'It's still four months until harvest'? I tell you, **open your eyes** and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest. ³⁶ Even now the one who reaps draws a wage and harvests a crop for eternal life, so that the sower and the reaper may be glad together.

See things differently

Just as your physical man has senses, your spiritual man has senses as well.

Psalm 34:8 – **Taste** and see that the LORD is good.

Matthew 13:13-15 – This is why I speak to them in parables: "Though **seeing, they do not see**; though **hearing, they do not hear** or understand. ¹⁴ In them is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah: "You will be ever hearing but never understanding; you will be ever seeing but never perceiving. ¹⁵ For this people's heart has become calloused;

See things intentionally

1 Peter 3:15 – But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect,

What is that? Your testimony, your witness

See things eternally

Matthew 16:18-19 – And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."