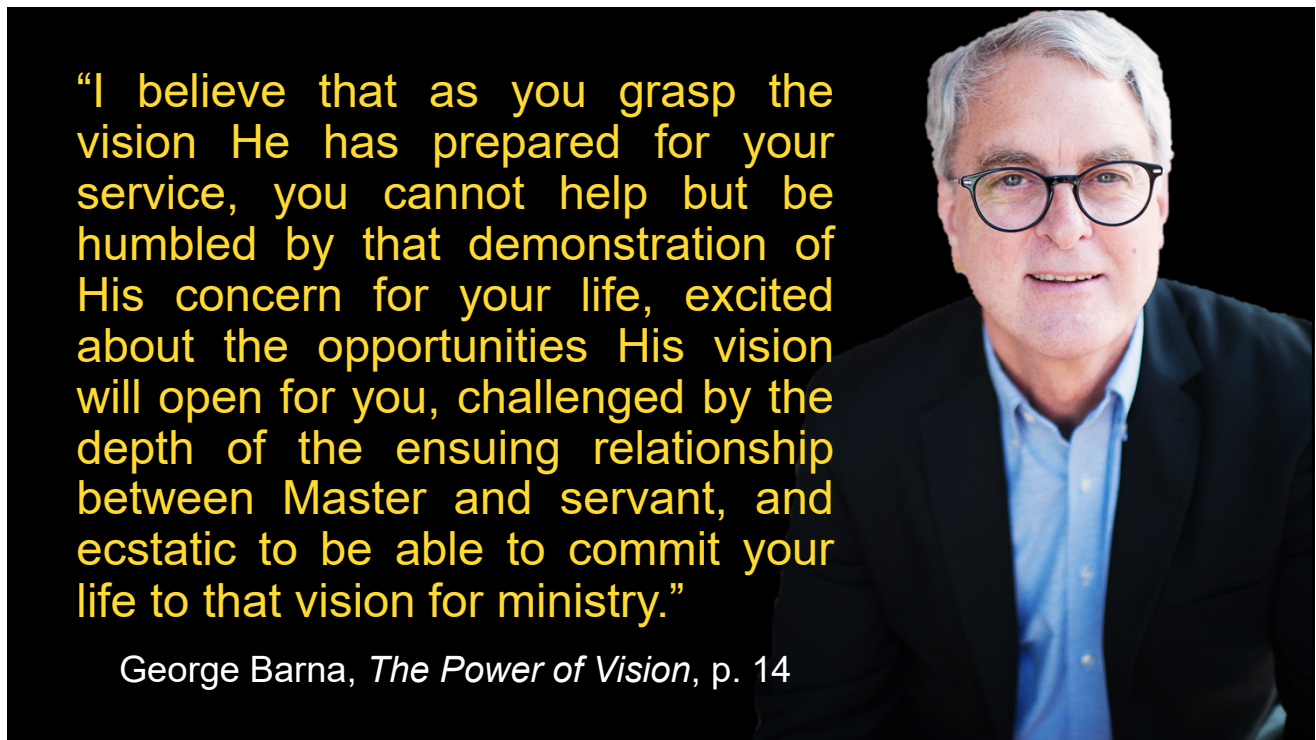




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"I believe that as you grasp the vision He has prepared for your service, you cannot help but be humbled by that demonstration of His concern for your life, excited about the opportunities His vision will open for you, challenged by the depth of the ensuing relationship between Master and servant, and ecstatic to be able to commit your life to that vision for ministry."

George Barna, *The Power of Vision*, p. 14

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Mt 4:18-19 And Jesus, walking by the Sea of Galilee, saw two brothers, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. ¹⁹ Then He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." ²⁰ They immediately left their nets and followed Him.

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“Another way to translate the expression, ‘fishing for men,’ would be, ‘catching men alive.’ We find this unique phrase only in Mt 4:19 and 2 Tim 2:26, where it describes those who have been ensnared by Satan. Thus, Scripture provides a striking contrast: either we will catch men and women alive or the devil will.”

Greg Laurie

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1. Good fishermen live to fish

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2. Good fishermen catch fish

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3. Good fishermen go to the fish;
rather than expecting the fish to
come to them

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4. Good fishermen know a lot
about fish

- They know a lot about different types of fish
- They know a lot about their habitats
- They know a lot about the bait each fish likes

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5. Good fishermen do not expect fish to accommodate them, they accommodate the fish

- They do not expect the fish to be where they want them to be
- They do not expect the fish to eat the bait they want them to eat

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1 Cor 9:19-23 For though I am free from all men, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win the more; ²⁰ and to the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might win Jews; to those who are under the law, as under the law, that I might win those who are under the law; ²¹ to those who are without law, as without law (not being without law toward God, but under law toward Christ), that I might win those who are without law; ²² to the weak I became as weak, that I might win the weak. **I have become all things to all men, that I might by all means save some.** ²³ Now this I do for the gospel's sake, that I may be partaker of it with you.

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6. Good fishermen
are dedicated

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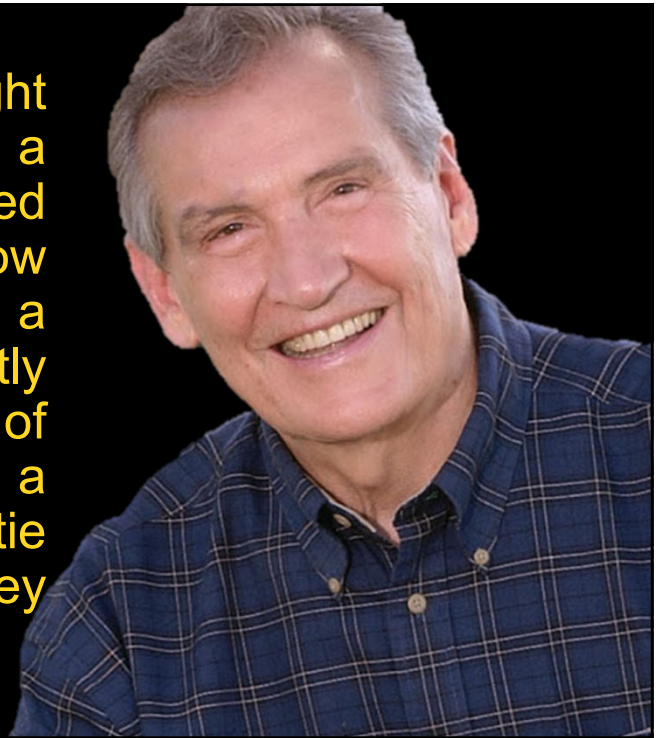


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Lk 5:5-7 But Simon answered and said to Him, “Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless at Your word I will let down the net.” ⁶ And when they had done this, they caught a great number of fish, and their net was breaking. ⁷ So they signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink.

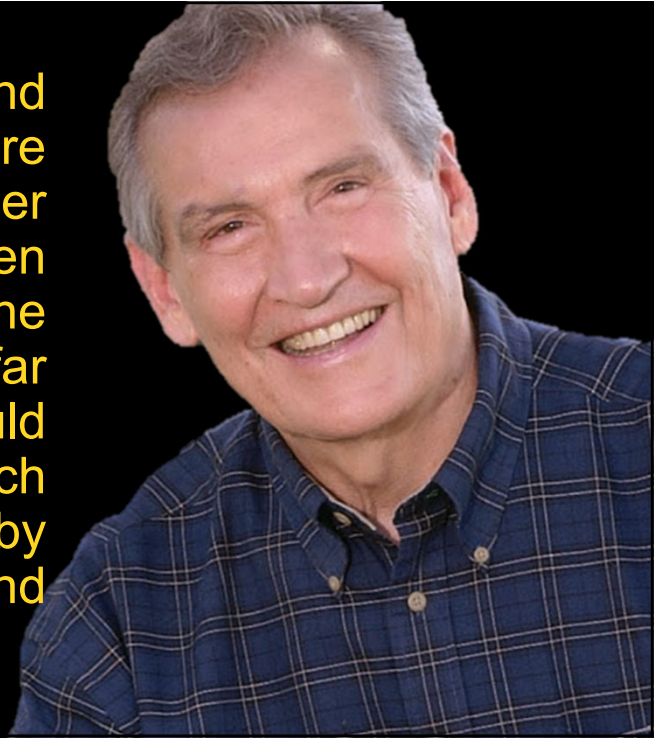
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“Have you ever thought about what a net is? It’s a bunch of holes tied together. Do you know what a hole is? It’s a ‘nothing.’ And that’s exactly what we are – a bunch of ‘nothings.’ But if you take a bunch of nothings and tie them together, they become powerful.



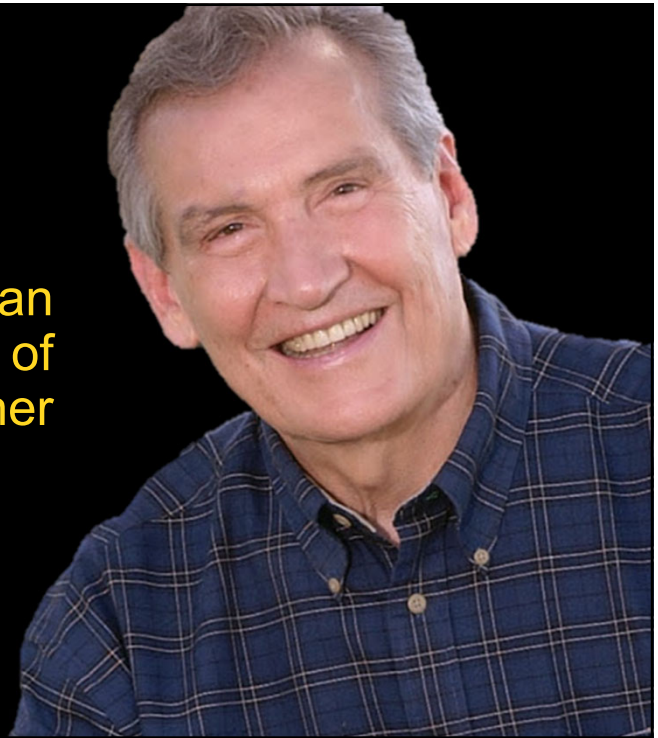
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Just as a net is woven and interlaced, people are netted and tied together with others. Woven together in the unity of the Spirit, we accomplish far more than any of us could by yourself. You do much better fishing by net than by yourself with a hook and line.



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Yet, the average Christian would rather be a keeper of the aquarium than a fisher of men.” Adrian Rogers



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2 Cor 2:15-16 For we are to God the fragrance of Christ among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing. ¹⁶ To the one we are the aroma of death leading to death, and to the other the aroma of life leading to life.

2 Cor 4:3-4 But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, ⁴ whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, ...

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Rom 13:11-12 And do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed. ¹² The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light.