

**LAW #2: YOU MUST HAVE  
RUTHLESS SPECIFICITY ABOUT  
YOUR MISSION VISION**

Too many Christians can't answer specifically to whom they are called to be a witness over the next 12 months.

It is as if they feel that tying things down into specifics is to quench the Holy Spirit, or to devalue the range of their friendships – when the exact opposite is true!

By focusing in on where you and your household have...

- The most favor
- The lowest hanging fruit
- The greatest opportunity
- The clearest open doorway

... then you will significantly increase the likelihood of stewarding for the greatest return what the Father has given you.

In case you don't think such pragmatism is Biblical, consider these examples:

- Jesus tells us to look for where the fields are ripest for harvest around us today (John 4:35).
- He instructs us to look for and focus on the Person of Peace – one who is relationally open to you and spiritually open to Jesus in you (Luke 10:5-9).
- He wants us to stay in that relationship as it becomes a gateway into their community, and not to waste time on those who are not receiving you at this time (Luke 10:10-11).
- Paul demonstrated that he too understood the power of focusing in, when he made clear that he did not run aimlessly, and that his blows were struck to hit home and not to waft in the air (1 Corinthians 9:26).

Ruthless specificity on our mission vision – at every scale of church life – creates focus and clarity. By knowing who, by name, you are called to reach enables you to make far better decisions about your mission strategies, and thus your tactics.

I call this the peaceful ability to say no!

There will always be far more opportunities than resources, so clarity on mission vision enables you to confidently say no to things that are godly, positive, healthy but just not quite right for your situation.

And you can say this no with a sense of underlying peace, since you can positively express who you are specifically called to be reaching, and thus can make all the little detailed decisions with them in mind.

For instance...

1. When will you meet?
2. What will you eat?
3. What sort of music will you play?
4. What sort of serve opportunities will most resonate with them?
5. What would good news look like to them and their friends?

Be encouraged by this truth:

You and your household can not possibly reach the whole city by yourselves, but you can easily reach a specific few people.

As you think about where you live, work and play, consider which neighborhood or network of relationships you and your household are called to be primarily investing at this time.

Remember: there is no wrong answer to this question, but Jesus does call us to be pragmatic and disciplined in our response.

**APPLY THE LAW:**

To whom specifically are you called to focus your mission efforts over the next 12 months?

In your place of mission, are there things that need to be stopped so that you can be more deliberate in reaching your People of Peace?