

January 9 & 10, 2021

As we began last year, everyone was talking about 2020 vision, including us. 2020 Vision was the title of our sermon series based on Revelation 4-11. Our desire was to sit in those chapters and allow the themes of God's self-revelation to inform our perspective. Even though many had predicted the possible global impact of a forthcoming pandemic, none of us knew how radically COVID-19 would alter our lives in 2020. The themes of Revelation, however, provided perspective. What about 2021?

Alan Kay, a genius computer-science pioneer, has observed that a proper perspective is worth 50 IQ points. That's significant. How do we rise above our circumstances, in 2021, and gain perspective? In our passage today, Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18, Jesus talks about three spiritual practices that can help us gain perspective, if we understand what they are truly about.

- Followers of Jesus have the Father's heart.
- Practice spirituality because you love the Father.
- Be generous because the Father is.
- Sit with the Father when you pray. He is your audience.
- Fast to attune your heart to the Father's.
- Live for the reward of knowing the Father and becoming like Him.

Questions for Reflection:

- In the area of giving, what would it look like for you to reflect the Father's heart in 2021?
- How would Jesus want you to strengthen your prayer times before the Father in 2021? Ask him.
- What kind of fast (e.g., food, social media, Netflix, sports, video gaming, etc.) would Jesus be inviting you to take to attune your heart to the Father's in 2021?

WILLINGDON CHURCH ELDERS

Phil Balzer	Jim Eisenhauer	Ron Leonard	Rick Reimer	Wayne Wiebe
John Best	Ray Harms-Wiebe	Mark Loewen	Vince Reimer	Rick Wilson
Roman Bondart- chouk	Ruben Heyn	Dave Marshall	Willy Reimer	
Ken Dyck	Danny Lee	Ken Redekopp	Norm Schmidt	
	Paul Lee	Mark Reimer	Ed Thiessen	

Please continue to pray for the elders.

*If you wish to contact an elder, please email
elders@willingdon.org.*