

INTRODUCTION: STRATEGIC PLANNING (see *Mod.Ref.*, Sep-Oct, 2011)

A. STRATEGIC PLANNING SEMINAR

B. PLANNING: THINGS SET IN ORDER (Gen.1:1f; Acts.2:23; Eph.1:11 /1C.14:40; Tt.1:5; Rm.1:13; Jm.4:15; 1C.4:19)

C. STRATEGIC: MEANS FITTED TO ENDS (see Mt.28:19,20→Acts 2:14f,37f,41,42f; see Eph.2:20; 4:11f)

D. LIBERTY OF CONSCIENCE (Mt.15:9; Col.2:20; see Mt.18:15f; Rom.14:4f)

E. REGULATIVE PRINCIPLE OF CHURCH GOV'T. (Mt.15:9; Col.2:20; see Mt.18:15f; Rom.14:4f)

F. DETAILED PLANNING ENFORCED BY CENTRAL GOVERNMENT (see Eph.1:11; Rom.1:23)

G. SUMMARY: THE AUTHORITY OF THE CHURCH TO PLAN IS DEFINED & DELIMITED

I. STRATEGIC PLANNING FOR THE CHURCH

A. THE GREAT COMMISSION (Mt.28:18-20)

B. TO THE APOSTLES FOR THE CHURCH (Mt.28:16f; see Eph.2:20; 4:11f)

C. AUTHORITY: ALL AUTHORITY→NO DISCRETION (Mt.28:18; see Dt.4:2)

D. MISSION: MAKE DISCIPLES (Mt.28:19; see Acts 2:41; 14:21; see 1Cor.11:1)

E. VISION: ALL NATIONS (Mt.28:19; see Gen.12:2; Ps.67:2; 86:9; Is.60:3; see Col.3:11; Gal.3:28; Rev.5:9,etc.)

F. PATH: GOING, BAPTIZING, TEACHING (Mt.28:19,20→Acts 1:8(Paul); 2:14f,37f,41,42f /Eph.2:20; 4:11f)

G. POWER: THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST (Mt.28:20; see Jn.14:17; 15:26; Acts 2:1f,33f)

H. EXAMPLE: PENTECOST (Mt.28:19,20→Acts 1:8(Paul); 2:14f,37f,41,42f; see Eph.2:20; 4:11f)

I. BENEFITS: FOCUS, EXCELLENCE; LIBERTY (see van Drunen in *Mod.Ref.*, Sep-Oct, 2011)

J. THE CHURCH IS AUTHORIZED TO STRATEGICALLY PLAN IN THESE THINGS

II. STRATEGIC PLANNING FOR THE CHRISTIAN IN THE NATURAL CREATION

A. THE CREATION MANDATE (as *mission*; Gen.1:26f)

B. TO MAN AS THE IMAGE OF GOD (Gen.1:26f; see Col.3:10; Rom.2:14f)

C. AUTHORITY: CREATOR TO CREATURE (Gen.1:26f; see Rom.1:18f)

D. MISSION: MAKE IMAGES (Gen.1:28; see 22,21; see Mt.28:19)

E. VISION: ALL CREATURES (Gen.1:28f; see Rom.8:21,17f)

F. PATH: SUBDUE & RULE (Gen.1:28)

G. POWER: THE PRESENCE OF GOD (Gen.3:8; 4:4f,26; 6:3f,8f; 12:1f,etc.)

H. EXAMPLE: VOCATIONS (Gen.4:20-22; Ps.104:23; Eph.6:5f; Col.3:22f; 1Th.4:9f)

I. FREEDOM & RESPONSIBILITY TO EXCEL IN YOUR GIFTS & CALLINGS (Eph.6:7; 1Th.4:10f)

J. FREEDOM & RESPONSIBILITY TO COOPERATE W/OTHER HUMANS AS HUMAN (voluntary assoc in fulfilling creation mandate, e.g., goods & services; Gen.4:20-22; Pr.31:24; 1K.5:6; 1C.10:25f; Rom.13:1f /2Cor.6:14f)

K. THE CHURCH IS NOT AUTHORIZED TO STRATEGICALLY PLAN IN THESE THINGS

III. STRATEGIC PLANNING FOR THE CHRISTIAN IN HUMAN SOCIETY

A. THE GREAT COMMANDMENT (as *mission*; Mt.22:37f; see Ex.20:1f; see Mt.5:17f; Rom.13:8f)

B. TO MAN AS THE IMAGE OF GOD (Gen.1:26f; see 1Jn.5:1; 3:10; Jms.3:9)

C. AUTHORITY: HOLY GOD TO INNOCENT MAN (Gen.1-3; *human* duty (law); fulfilled *in Christ* (gospel); e.g., no other gods (#1, 1:1), no idols (#2; 1:1f), Name not vain (#3; 1:3f), Sabbath (#4; 2:2), honor parents (#5; 1:26f), sanctity of life (#6; 1:26f), marriage (#7; 2:18f); property rights (#8; 2:16f), truth telling (#9; 2:17/3:1f), contentment (#10; 2:18f; 3:6)

D. MISSION: BE HOLY AS HE IS HOLY (see 1Pt.1:14f; 2:9f)

E. VISION: THE HOLY GARDEN CITY (Gen.2:8f; Rev.21:2f; 22:19)

F. PATH: LOVING OBEDIENCE (Mt.22:37f; Ex.20:1f; Jn.14:15,31; see Rom.3:22f; Col.3:9,10; 5f)

G. POWER: THE PRESENCE OF GOD (Rom.8:11f; Gal.5:22f)

H. EXAMPLES: MARRIAGE, FAMILY-BUSINESS, CHURCH, STATE (Eph.5:22ff; Col.3:17ff)

I. EXAMPLE: MERCY MINISTRY (Mt.22:39 /Acts.2:43f; 5:37f; 1C.16:1 vs Pr.31:20; Lk.10:33; Gal.6:10; Eph.4:28)

J. BENEFIT: PERSONAL FREEDOM & RESPONSIBILITY IN LOVING YOUR NEIGHBOR

K. BENEFIT: FREEDOM & RESPONSIBILITY TO WORK WITH REMNANT HUMANITY (e.g. voluntary associations in fulfilling creation ordinances; e.g., social justice; Prov.31:8f; see 2Cor.6:14f)

L. THE CHURCH IS NOT AUTHORIZED TO STRATEGICALLY PLAN IN THESE THINGS

IV. SUMMARY OF PRINCIPLES FOR STRATEGIC PLANNING (see Introduction)

A. MISSION & MEANS OF CHURCH ARE WELL DEFINED (see I; Mt.28:18-20→Acts 2:42f /Acts, Paul)

B. THE CHURCH HAS AUTHORITY TO STRATEGICALLY PLAN ACCORDING TO ITS MISSION AND MEANS PRESCRIBED ONLY (see Intro.; Mt.15:9; Col.2:20; see Mt.18:15f; Rom.14:4f)

C. THE CHURCH DOES NOT HAVE AUTHORITY TO STRATEGICALLY PLAN THE LIFE OF ITS MEMBERS IN THEIR NECESSARY EMPLOYMENTS (see II; yet Mt.28:18f)

D. THE CHURCH DOES NOT HAVE AUTHORITY TO STRATEGICALLY PLAN THE LIFE OF ITS MEMBERS IN THEIR VOLUNTARY ASSOCIATIONS (see III; yet Mt.28:18f)