

# ***GULF SHORES CHURCH OF CHRIST***

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## ***The Dream of God's Church***

**Introduction:** In our last lesson we discussed God's dreams in reference to the church. This should help us to see that there should also be a vision for the servants of God that are a part of His Body, the church. Here are some things that should be a part of the dreams of one of God's servants. . . . .

**Discussion:**

- I. The church's dream is to be chosen to serve (John 13:1-11, Ephesians 4:1)***  
We want to be chosen by God, Christians, teachers, elders, deacons, etc.
- II. The church's dream is to be chosen to be like Jesus (Philippians 2:5, I Peter 2:21-25)***  
Being a Christian is more than just going to church and reading your Bible.
- III. The church's dream is to be chosen to receive responsibility (Matthew 25:14-30, Luke 12:47-48)***  
We need to set high expectations, but make our goals attainable.
- IV. The church's dream is to be chosen use our talents (Romans 12:6, Ephesians 4:11-16)***  
We all have spiritual gifts according to the grace given us.
- V. The church's dream is to be chosen to make a difference (Acts 1:8, Acts 17:6)***  
We have to consider what they did, how they did it, and what was the result.
- VI. The church's dream is to be chosen to recruit others (Matthew 28:18-20, Mark 16:15-16)***  
We must have vision, and in order to have vision we must keep dreaming.
- VII. The church's dream is to be chosen to be rewarded (II Timothy 4:6-8, Revelation 2:10)***  
We must know that the greatest reward ever given man is waiting for us.

**Conclusion:** Can you declare that you are a servant of God? Have you done everything that God has required of you? Have you heard the gospel of Jesus Christ (**Acts 15:7; Romans 10:17**), believed in Jesus Christ as the Son of God (**John 8:24; Acts 4:12; 16:31; Hebrews 11:6**), repented of your sins (**Luke 13:3; Acts 2:38; 3:19; 17:30**), confessed the deity of Christ (**Matthew 10:32-33; Romans 10:9-10; Acts 8:37-38**), been baptized for the remission of your sins (**Matthew 28:19-20; Mark 16:15-16; Acts 2:38; 10:48; 22:16; Colossians 2:11ff; Galatians 3:24ff; I Peter 3:21**), or are you walking in newness of life (**Romans 6:3-7, II Timothy 4:6-8, Revelation 2:10**)? Can you say that you have these dreams as a servant of God? What can we do to help you today?