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Dear Family,

This is the 10th month after the NLT, (National Leadership Team) assumed leadership of the Philippine Navigators. The NLT will serve a five year term that ends up in 2012.

Vision....Mission... Strategy.

These are common items whenever a new leadership takes over. These are good. They serve as guidepost or guiding light towards an end- a goal.

Two decades ago it was not spelled-out as it is today. These stuff are seldom heard in my early days as a believer. Today both the church and the corporate world are 'singing the same piece'. Again, it is not bad. Learning is everybody's privilege. We need to learn from the corporate world.

However, as we go along as a family in the Philippine Navigators we need to be reminded that owning a good crafted VMS, will not necessarily bring the expected results. Most of the time if not always there are only few of us who get results in spite of this structural ingredients in running an organization or a small biblical caring group. Most importantly we need to:

Seek God's direction.

Is it God's Vision? Knowing God's vision having laid into our heart is a thing of great importance before plunging into ministry and its activities. Otherwise, we will end-up frustrated. Is it align to His overarching plan of redemption of man?

Is it God's Mission? We should know that with our sinful nature our mission is to gratify the insatiable desire of the flesh. God's mission in us leads us to realize of our emptiness and drives us to be more dependent on God's resources and ability in doing the ministry.

Is it God's Strategy? Whose strategy have we subscribed? Is it from God drawn from His written word? Or simply generated from our years of experience. God's strategy is motivated by love, respect and the fruit of the Spirit. Man's strategy is motivated by self, approval of people around, and self-vested interest. Ministry is not a matter of personal gain and honor. It is for the glory of God in line with His redemptive plan for the sinful world.

The next time we start a ministry let God be the owner and crafter of the Vision, Mission and Strategy that we pursue. In so doing, success will always be a sure thing because God will make things happen for His own glory! This is our Cutting Edge as servants of the King!

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