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**Building's  
energy-  
management  
systems move  
toward  
integration:**

Energy systems that serve individual functions are being integrated through energy platforms as the focus shifts to the holistic performance of buildings. This could spur collaboration between building owners and manager and information technology firms and create opportunities for growth. One example is Jones Lang LaSalle, which enlisted Pacific Controls to create platform system IntelliCommand to improve efficiency and lower energy costs.

**DNA of a VISION**

The Bible says, "Where there is no vision, the people perish" (Proverbs 29:18 KJV). So, how can a church determine if their planning "vision" is from the Lord? How can they turn this vision into reality?

I believe that God plants in the minds of pastors, and other godly men and women, His desire for His church. He wants His church to be healthy and to grow in effectiveness. His message is always consistent with His word (scripture), and encourages us to take action. However, we can become confused in just how to go about taking action with a vision. Indeed, we must be careful that we are not creating a vision that is not quite what God had in mind.

I believe that a godly vision is accompanied by practical steps that can be taken to achieve it. Let's look into the "DNA of a Vision".

**The Vision**

Forbes (9/2/12)

**Rubber cloak technology could hide buildings from seismic waves.**



A rubber cloak technology covering the base of a building could protect the structure from the impact of an earthquake, according to this article. The "elastodynamic cloak," from William Parnell from the University of Manchester in England entails the use of a "pre-stressed" rubber material that can deflect specific seismic waves from the building. The earthquake cloak will undergo testing at Industrial Research Limited in New Zealand.

Smithsonian Magazine (9/2012)

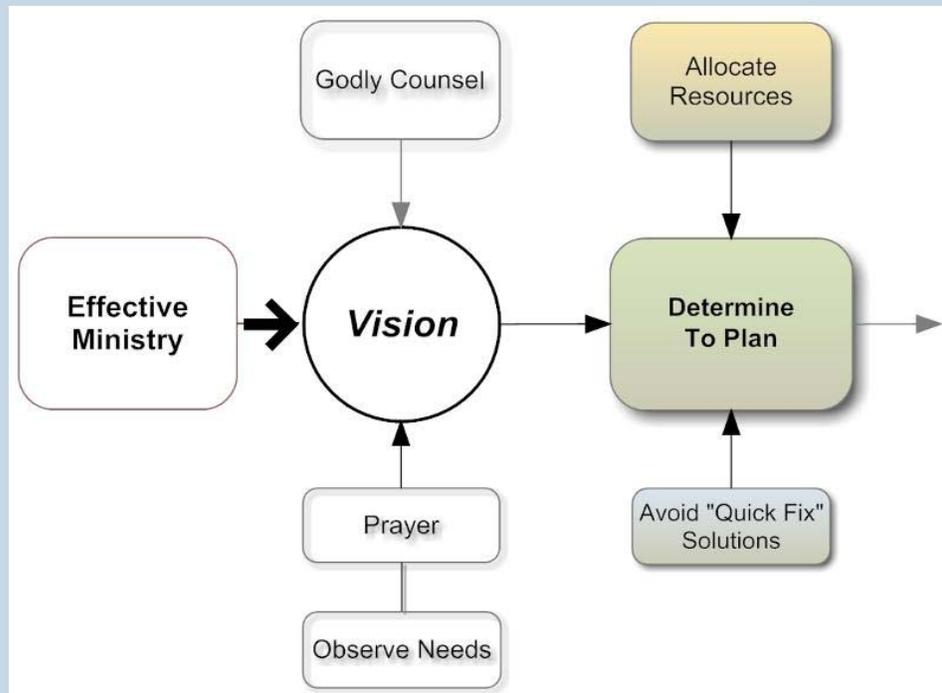
**Video: Tempelaukkio, Rock Church**



This diagram is a good starting point. A planning vision is launched from a platform and/or a goal of effective ministry. It observes needs, is anchored in prayer, and is supported by godly counsel.

Think of a vision that the Lord has given your church. Does it have this DNA? If so, consider the next action step.

**Determine to Plan**



You are now ready to take ACTION! You have determined to plan. You are not willing to go with a "quick fix" solution, but are committed to comprehensive planning.

Keep going!



Daily Architecture Blog and email Newsletter "ArchDaily" recently posted a 1 minute video of a unique church in Helsinki, Finland. Tempeliaukio, or "Rock Church" is a Lutheran Church built in the 1960's, literally embedded in rock on the site. Natural light pours through the glass dome into the warm and sacred feeling sanctuary. During the video, the Architect briefly describes the major design goals for the church facility. [Click here for the article/video.](#)

ArchDaily  
(10.3.12)

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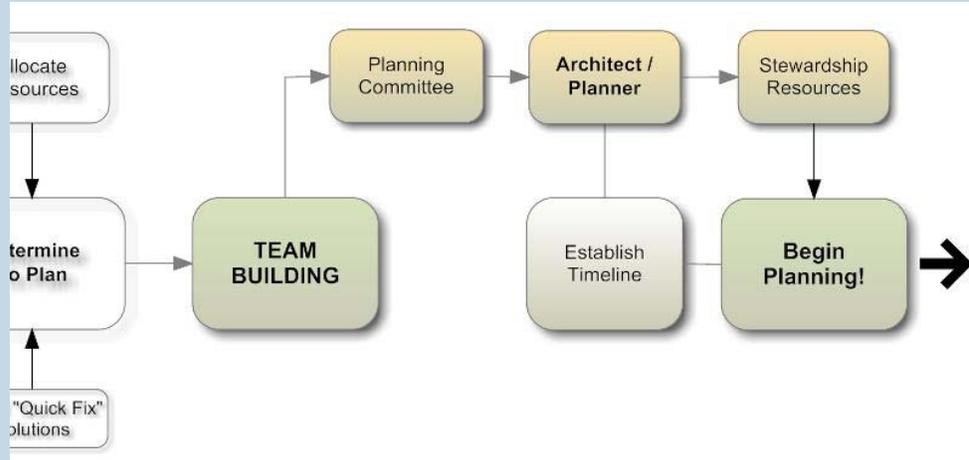
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## Team Building



Now you're in gear! You are assembling a planning team, establishing a timeline, assessing financial resources, and beginning to plan.

Now it's time to engage in comprehensive planning tasks.

## Planning



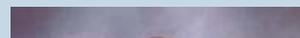
The planning steps shown here will produce specific solutions to your ministry needs. Your vision is now becoming a reality!

We always need to remember to "commit our works to the Lord, and our plans will be established" (Proverbs 16:3). He has the right to overrule us and to direct us according to His purpose (Proverbs 16:9).

I hope that this graphic depiction of a vision becoming reality is helpful to you as you plan. May the Lord bless you in your planning and your ministry!

I encourage you to contact me personally with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,



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