A VISION FOR YOUR LIFE

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You can read a talk by Dave Burke on having a vision for your life here. It's well worth a read. I was particularly impressed with his sections on church life; try this for size:

> *There are two kinds of churches, tidy churches and messy churches. Let me explain! Many of us will not rest until every single activity is pinned down with a date, a time and a place. Everybody is on a rota of some kind and every week of the year is accounted for. This is good â€“ we have to be organised â€“ but in our instinct for organisation and planning we must not kill the passion for grabbing opportunities and seeing where they may lead.*
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> *A couple of friends of mine recently decided to get married and were looking for a venue for the reception. Money is tight and they approached a local church with nice facilities and asked of they could have the reception on their premises. The couple went to see the church and chat with the people there, but the conversation only lasted five minutes before the couple left.*
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> *The girl, you see, is from India. She pointed out that most of her family would be flying in for the wedding and that the food would be prepared by a local firm of Indian caterers. There was a pause. Then the church people explained that it would not be possible to host the reception because the smell of curry would linger in the kitchen and upset people on Sunday.*
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> *Thatâ€™s tidy church!*
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> *Now donâ€™t get me wrong, messy church is organised. It has to be more organised than tidy church because they are so switched on! But messy church grabs opportunities by the throat. Messy church saysâ€¦ Indiansâ€¦ curryâ€¦ yum-yum! Messy church says, â€œDozens of Hindus in our building â€“ never mind the smell of curry, letâ€™s order some literature!â€*