

A Vision for All Seasons

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*"And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, **Your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions. And also on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days.**" Joel 2:28-29*

The Sustaining Power of God's Vision

In challenging times often the vision of many is obscured by the difficulties life gives them. The very thing that will lift them up is often neglected and unused. **The power of what God provides with His vision for us at any season of life we are at, is a great sustaining power in our lives.**

God has put the _____ in us all to follow a vision of His plan for our life **regardless of the season of life** one may be in.

Be a Person of His Vision

A vision is when God puts a desire in your heart for what He wants you to do. **That is quite different from what I want me to do.**

Understand we don't need a great vision, because God already has one for us, **we just need to follow the one He has, we don't need to create one ourselves. The secret is to _____ Him and hear His plan for your present season in life.**

When you look at the stories of those who followed God's plan, you will see a common denominator in the way God developed them. **God always begins things with giving His vision. They were usually doing their thing until they heard from God and began doing His plan for them.**

The Hebrew word for "vision" means: "**Divine communication.**" When we talk about Godly vision, we are talking about something that would be impossible for us to come up with on our own.

Anyone can see the physical, but it takes something special to see the spiritual; **It takes God's vision, imparted to us because of our _____ with Him.** (2 Kings 6:16-17)

Core Point: What we need most in our lives is God's vision and plan in the midst of our current season we are in. We can perceive it, and plan based on what His vision is, and find the next step in His design!

Vision is the art of seeing the invisible. ~Jonathan Swift

Definition: VISION: The ability to see, Awareness. 1. The faculty of sight, 2. **Unusual foresight**, 3. A mental image produced by the imagination, 4. The experience of the supernatural as if with the eyes.

So what is Vision?

Vision can be described as **the picture of a preferred future.**

Vision is seeing tomorrow from today.

Vision is seeing the end from the beginning.

Vision is seeing the purpose and direction of God for you.

The Importance of Seeing Where You Are Going

His vision provides the push through the problems. His vision provides the energy for the effort. Without God's vision our passion leaks, our agendas surface, our production falls, and our influence is reduced.

Having His vision for life serves as a road map, **a picture of where you are going.** A vision is when God puts a desire in your heart for what **He wants** you to do.

There is power in having a **clear vision** of His vision for your life.

My interest is in the future because I'm going to spend the rest of my life living there. ~Charles Kettering

Biblical characteristics of a Godly Vision

1. It was specific and required the people to **grow** in faith.
2. It required sacrifice and _____.
3. It was not understood by everyone and resisted by some.
4. It kept people humble and drove them to **depend on God.**
5. It involved others and required assistance to see it fulfilled.

Visions from God include other people and there is a process of refinement and communication that takes time.

There is a process of refinement and renewal to a vision.

*For the **vision is yet for an appointed time**; But at the end it will speak, and it will not lie. Though it tarries, wait for it; **because it will surely come...*** Habakkuk 2:2-3

Core Statement: I find great sustaining power in my life as I see His vision and plan for me! I will see His design for every step I take as He prepares the way for me to walk in with Him.