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- **“Do not be misled”**.- This is a strong warning. Paul is saying ‘Don’t fool yourself into thinking you’re immune to influence’.
- **“Bad company”** - Refers to people with corrupt beliefs, immoral behavior or ungodly values.
- **“Corrupts good character”** – Even someone with good morals and sincere faith can be pulled away from truth and righteousness if they spend too much time with those who are spiritually or morally toxic.

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- 1. SPIRITUAL ONENESS - SEEKING GOD TOGETHER.
- 2. EMOTIONAL CONNECTION - BUILDING TRUST, EMPATHY, AND UNDERSTANDING.
- 3. PHYSICAL EXPRESSION - ENJOYING GOD'S GIFT IN THE CONTEXT OF COVENANT LOVE.

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Personal Christian Vision – A Family Affair

Introduction:

Many Christians live out their lives just existing from day to day. They have no personal vision, no sense of a divine summons or leading from God.

We are no different than children

What about You?

What is it? - Dr Tan-Che

“Vision is a **clear picture** of what a person wants to be and to accomplish. Establishing a vision begins by finding the answer “Why am I on earth?” **Our vision begins to come clear as we find God’s personal purpose and plans for our life on earth.”**

Proverbs 29:18 Where there is no revelation, people cast off restraint; but blessed is the one who heeds wisdom’s instruction.

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Acts 1:8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

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Remember, there is no room for excuses when it comes to doing the will of God.

1 Corinthians 3:6-9 I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow.

The one who plants and the one who waters have one purpose, and they will each be rewarded according to their own labour. For we are fellow workers in God's service; you are God's field, God's building.

Many Christians wander and stagger around because they are in a wilderness without the guidance from the Spirit.

Habakkuk 2:3 For the revelation awaits an appointed time; it speaks of the end and will not prove false. Though it lingers, wait for it; it will certainly come and will not delay.

Psalms 119:105 Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.

Jesus Christ has saved us to make a positive difference.

He has filled us with His Holy Spirit to make us effective witnesses of Him.

If the world does not see Jesus in us, then they do not see Him at all!

Beware of a false vision to mislead your energies and your sincere efforts for God.

Jeremiah 29:11 For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

Right now, our generation needs every born-again, Holy Spirit-filled Christian believer to be living and occupied in the very centre of God's will.

His heart for us is that we not only know God's will for our life, but that we prove God's will for our life by our living and walking in it!

Romans 12:1-2 - Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God - this is your true and proper worship.

Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is - his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Jesus said: “*The workers are few!*”

Matthew 9:37-38 Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.”

We DO reap what we sow!

Galatians 6:7-10 Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

We ARE the products of our believing, or our not believing!

Beware of Satan's YOU Cannot syndrome. The enemy will always try to convince us that we cannot do something God would like us to do.

1 Corinthians 12-4-6 There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.

If you identify as a Christian today – Confessing the Gospel of Jesus, recognising Jesus as your saviour, the **You** are a child of God. You are His Son. You are His Daughter. **Nothing that is God's will in your life is impossible for you.**

Living with a Christian vision

Purpose: Finding your purpose and identity in Christ. It means living your life with intention, knowing that God has a plan for your life.

Conviction: Having a strong conviction and clarity about what is right and wrong based on the Bible's teachings. It means standing up for your beliefs, even in the face of opposition.

Living with a Christian vision

Compassion: Showing compassion to others, as Jesus did. It means loving your neighbour as yourself, serving others, and making a positive impact on the world around you.

Hope: Living with Christian vision means having hope and faith in God's promises. It means trusting that God is in control, even when things don't go according to your plan, and knowing that He works all things together for good.

Conclusion

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Each of us may be given a unique season and opportunity to do God's work. Unlike people, God doesn't compare our work, for He loves us as individuals.

May we keep our eyes and hearts focused on doing our best in the season that God has given us - relying completely on His strength and empowerment - and not worry about what others achieve in their own way and time. By: Leslie Koh - Daily Bread - Serving God Each Season - 1 Corinthians 3:6-9 12/07/25

Conclusion

Our Christian faith makes us into people who can see. We are not like the spiritually blind trying to find the door that opens to reveal our reason for living.

The answer is to seek out the vision that God wants for YOU and hold it close. Run with it. Be a person of purpose for our families, for our fellowship and for the lost world that we live in. Amen!