

## 2020 Vision for the Kingdom Part 1

### 2020 Kingdom Vision begins with Hope

1. **Hope is like the hinge that Connects Faith and love.** 1 Corinthians 13:13

A. **The back door of hope is faith**, and the **front door of hope is love**. Faith leads to hope and hope leads to love.

B. **Definition of Hope** - *a feeling of expectation and desire for certain thing to happen.*

C. **An optimistic state of mind** that is based on expectations of positive outcomes with respect to events and circumstances in one's life or the world at large.

D. **Hope in the Bible is a confident expectation of what God has promised and its strength is in His faithfulness.**

E. **Hope synonyms:**

- Expectancy
- Aspiration
- Wish
- Desire
- Longing
- Yearning
- Optimism
- Faith
- Trust

F. **Hopeless people are people who no longer expect**, aspire, long for, believe for, wish for or desire certain things to happen.

G. They **don't set goals** because they've **abandoned all hope** for better things to have or happen.

2. **Developing 2020 Kingdom vision is seeing things on earth as they are in heaven.**

A. **Things in heaven are inspiring**, everything you could ever wish for or desire.

B. **Kingdom prayer is for it to be on earth as it is in heaven.** Is anyone sick in heaven? Is anyone broke in heaven? Is anyone depressed or sad in heaven?

C. **We have the wrong idea about heaven in modern Christianity.** We see heaven as **“something to die for.”**

D. **Early believers saw heaven as “something to live for.”**

E. **Heaven was something invading the earth**, bringing the King and His kingdom to every nation and people group.

F. **Hope begins in the heart.** The heart is first place where the Kingdom of heaven invades. The light comes to dispel hopelessness, depression, and captivity.

G. **The kingdom of heaven comes as we cultivate our hearts with God's presence, with God's Word and God's desires for us.**

H. Waiting on God brings hopeful expectations. **Psalm 62:5 (NKJV)**

I. **God's Word in our heart brings hope.** **Psalm 119:74 (NKJV); Psalm 119:147 (NKJV)**

### **3. Kingdom Vision changes us and what we desire.**

A. Hope begins with desire. A desire for things to be better, for us to be better.

B. God changes not only us but what we desire. Desire - de = of, sire = father, or, of the father.

C. We have a hard time doing things we don't desire. Why? Desire leads to diligence.  
**Proverbs 13:4 (NKJV)**

D. The lazy person desires but is unwilling to develop diligence to obtain what is desired.

E. Diligence is necessary to obtain what we desire. It's so easy to say "well if God wanted me to have it, I'd have it." Or, "if God wanted me to be different than I'd be different."

F. Is it any wonder why many Christians don't prosper- they're lazy. That's why some don't desire much- they don't want to do much. Desire leads to diligence and for many it stops there.

G. Goals are set by the things we desire and motivates us to diligently pursue their accomplishment.

H. One of the many things that change in our lives when we become believers is what we desire.  
**Psalm 10:3-4 (NKJV)**

I. Just because you once had evil desires, doesn't mean you shouldn't have any desires.

J. Godly thinking leads to prosperity thinking. Psalms 10:5

K. When you hang around with God your thinking changes as well as your desires.

L. God grants the desires of the righteous. **Proverbs 10:24 (NKJV)**

M. While the wicked are motivated by fear, the righteous are motivated by desire. **Psalm 37:3-4 (NKJV)**

N. Trust leads to desire. When we trust and delight in the Lord there's a desire transfer. We begin to desire what God desires for us.

O. Prayer develops and cultivates godly desires. **Mark 11:22-24 (NKJV)**

**Conclusion:**