

VICTORY

BEGINS WITH

VISION



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Introduction

The famous blind author, Helen Keller was once asked about **her blindness**. She responded:

“The only thing worse than being blind is having sight but no vision”.

She was identifying the **PURPOSE** and **POWER** of vision compared to natural sight.

Why is Vision so important? ~ **Vision Simplifies Life**

Once you **know where you are going**...You **know what roads will not get you there**...

Matthew 7:13-14 (NKJV)

13 "Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. 14 Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.

VISION gives you a **DESTINY** which dictates your **DECISIONS**

If someone offers you something and it does not **ALIGN WITH YOUR VISION**, you don't accept it

YOU ARE NOT BUILT TO DEAL WITH EVERYTHING ~ does it fit into **YOUR VISION?**

You are **frustrated** and **fatigued** because dealing with things that **DON'T ALIGN WITH YOUR VISION**

1 Corinthians 6:12 (NIV)

12 "Everything is permissible **for me**"--but not everything **is beneficial**.

"Everything is permissible **for me**"--but **I will not be mastered by anything**.

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Vision Is Defined As...

Foresight with Insight based on Hindsight

VISION concentrates on the future.

It focuses on thinking ahead rather than on dwelling upon or seeking to REPLICATE THE PAST.

FORESIGHT is like looking through a telescope {DESTINY}

INSIGHT is like looking through a microscope {DETAILS}

HINDSIGHT is like looking in a rear-view mirror {DONE}

Philippians 3:13-14 (NLT)

13 No, dear brothers and sisters, I have not achieved it, but I FOCUS ON THIS ONE THING: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, 14 I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us.

Everything You Do Is Motivated By Vision

The Passion to Keep Pressing

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VISION REQUIRES SEEING the invisible and making it visible

VISION is the eye of Faith, **SIGHT** is the eye of the flesh...

Many people fail to operate in **VISION** because they only **SEE** with the natural eyes...

One of the enemies of vision is **SIGHT**... {I just don't **see it** crowd}

Never Trust Your **EYES** over your **VISION**... **SIGHT** shows you what is... **Vision** ~ What Shall Be

VISION is confidence in God's Promises that are **BELIEVED** but not yet seen

2 Corinthians 5:7 (NKJV)

7 For we walk **BY FAITH**, not **BY SIGHT**.

Hebrews 11:1 (NKJV)

1 Now **FAITH** is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things **NOT SEEN**.

VISION Allows You To Praise God Despite What You **SEE**

Habakkuk 3:17-18 (NLT)

17 Even though the fig trees have no blossoms, and there are no grapes on the vines; even though the olive crop fails, and the fields lie empty and barren; even though the flocks die in the fields, and the cattle barns are empty,

18 yet **I WILL REJOICE IN THE LORD! I WILL BE JOYFUL** in the God of my salvation!

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People who **COMPLETE** great work **FOR THE LORD**, are able to *see the whole trip in their minds before they leave the dock*. They have a **VISION** for their destination, they understand *what it will take to get there*, they know who they'll need on the team to be successful, and they recognize obstacles long before they appear on the horizon.

COMPLETION requires (1) **KNOWING YOUR PURPOSE**, (2) **MAKING YOUR PLANS**, and (3) **UNDERSTANDING THE PROCESS**.

VISION is not the capacity to see with one's eyes **WHAT IS ALREADY**, but **THE ABILITY TO IMAGINE WHAT IT COULD BE**. Visionaries have the **UNUSUAL POWER TO SEE THE POSSIBILITIES** and **MAKE THAT VISION BECOME A REALITY**.

If you don't *know where you're going*, *any road will take you there...*
What's worse, *you won't even know when you have arrived...*

VISION gives you a **DEFINITE IDEA** of where you want to go...

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AN IMAGE of the Vision must be *CLARIFIED* in order to be *REALIZED*

CLARIFICATION comes through *MEDITATION*

Many people have an *IMAGE* of *WHAT SHALL BE* in their head...
That's why you get frustrated with Successful People, because God showed it to you years ago
But you didn't *IMPLEMENT*... Only satisfied with *THE IMAGE*...

Architect told me... Pastor tell me what's in your mind, I am gifted in putting it on paper...

Habakkuk 2:2-3 (NKJV)

2 Then the LORD answered me and said: "*WRITE THE VISION* And *MAKE IT PLAIN ON TABLETS*, *That he may run who reads it*. 3 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*, It will not tarry.

Leaders must paint a clear *MENTAL PICTURE* for others if the vision is to come to pass
The vision must be *written and verbalized*
The vision requires *understanding and effort*

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Vision includes Purpose, Plans, People, Plots, Process...

Genesis 37:5-11 (NLT)

5 One night **Joseph had a dream**, and when he told his brothers about it, they hated him more than ever.

6 "Listen to **this dream**," he said. 7 "**We were out in the field, tying up bundles of grain. Suddenly my bundle stood up, and your bundles all gathered around and bowed low before mine!**" 8 His brothers responded, "So you think **you will be our king**, do you? Do you actually think **you will reign over us?**" And they hated him all the more because of his dreams and the way he talked about them. 9 Soon Joseph had **another dream**, and again he told his brothers about it. "Listen, I have had another dream," he said. "**The sun, moon, and eleven stars bowed low before me!**" 10 This time he told the dream to his father as well as to his brothers, but his father scolded him. "**What kind of dream is that?**" he asked. "Will your mother and I and your brothers actually come and **bow to the ground before you?**" 11 But while his brothers were jealous of Joseph, his father wondered what the dreams meant.

Joseph had a **Vision/Dream** ~ Not Clear or Concise

God had a **Purpose** ~ Elevate Joseph To 2nd in command in Egypt

God had a **Plan** ~ Get Joseph To Egypt at a certain time

God used **People** ~ Brothers, Father, Slave Owners, Potiphar/wife, Baker, Butler....

God allowed **Plots** ~ Brothers sold him into slavery, Wife lied on him, Butler forgot him...

God took Joseph through a **Process** ~ To **MATURE HIM** to for what he planned

Genesis 50:20 (NIV)

20 You **intended** to harm me, but God **intended** it for good **to accomplish** what is now being done,

THE SAVING OF MANY LIVES.

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Vision Will Always Have An Impact Beyond The Individual

Nehemiah 2:17-18 (NIV)

17 Then I said to them, "You see the trouble WE ARE IN: Jerusalem lies in ruins, and its gates have been burned with fire. Come, let us rebuild the wall of Jerusalem, and WE WILL NO LONGER BE IN DISGRACE." 18 I also told them about the gracious hand of my God upon me and what the king had said to me. They replied, "Let us start rebuilding." So they began this good work.

OPPOSITION IS ALWAYS THREATENED WHEN THE PLAN IMPACTS MORE THAN AN INDIVIDUAL

Acts 4:14-18 (NIV)

14 But since they could see the man who had been healed standing there with them, there was nothing they could say.

15 So they ordered them to withdraw from the Sanhedrin and then conferred together.

16 "What are we going to do with these men?" they asked. "Everybody living in Jerusalem knows they have done an outstanding miracle, and we cannot deny it. 17 But to stop this thing from spreading any further among the people, we must warn these men to speak no longer to anyone in this name."

18 Then they called them in again and commanded them NOT TO SPEAK OR TEACH AT ALL IN THE NAME OF JESUS.

IF GOD BLESSES YOU WITH MORE RESOURCES ~ WILL IT IMPACT ANYBODY BESIDES YOU???

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Vision/Purpose Keeps Us Focused On The Task At Hand

*From the beginning Jesus knew **HIS PURPOSE** was to die on the cross **to save mankind....***

John 2:3-4 (NKJV)

3 And when they ran out of wine, the mother of Jesus said to Him, "They have no wine."

*4 Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does your concern have to do with Me? **My hour has not yet come.**"*

John 6:15 (NLT)

*15 When Jesus saw that they were **ready to force him to be their king**, he slipped away into the hills by himself.*

John 7:3-8 (NKJV)

*3 His brothers therefore said to Him, "Depart from here and go into Judea, **that Your disciples also may see the works that You are doing.** 4 **For no one does anything in secret while he himself seeks to be known openly. If You do these things, show Yourself to the world.**" 5 For even His brothers did not believe in Him. 6 Then Jesus said to them, "**My time has not yet come**, but your time is always ready. 7 The world cannot hate you, but it hates Me because I testify of it that its works are evil. 8 You go up to this feast. I*

am not yet going up to this feast,

FOR MY TIME HAS NOT YET FULLY COME."

John 8:20 (NKJV)

*20 These words Jesus spoke in the treasury, as He taught in the temple; and **no one laid hands on Him**, for **HIS HOUR HAD NOT YET COME.***

John 9:4 (NKJV)

*4 **I MUST WORK** the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night **IS COMING** when no one can work.*

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NO Vision will lead to straying away

Proverbs 29:18 (KJV)

18 Where there is NO VISION, the people PERISH...

Proverbs 29:18 (NLT)

18 When people do not accept DIVINE GUIDANCE, they RUN WILD...

Proverbs 29:18 (ESV)

18 Where there is NO PROPHETIC VISION the people CAST OFF RESTRAINT...

Without clear revelation from God, people will wander outside of GOD'S BOUNDARIES

Judges 17:6 (NLT)

6 In those days Israel had NO KING; all the people did whatever seemed right in their own eyes.

Vision is PERSONAL but it is NOT PRIVATE

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