

THE POWER

OF

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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IMPLEMENTATION of God's plan **WITHOUT ALL THE DETAILS**

Vision is a **reflection of what God wants to accomplish THROUGH US** to build **HIS KINGDOM**
VISION comes from God, therefore one must spend quality time alone with God

Exodus 24:1-7 (NLT)

1 Then the LORD instructed Moses: "Come up here to me, and bring along Aaron, Nadab, Abihu, and seventy of Israel's elders. All of you must worship from a distance. 2 **Only Moses is allowed to come near to the LORD.** The others must not come near, and none of the other people are allowed to climb up the mountain with him." 3 Then Moses went down to the people and repeated all the instructions and regulations the LORD had given him. All the people answered with one voice, "**We will do everything the LORD has commanded.**" 4 **Then Moses carefully wrote down all the LORD's instructions.** Early the next morning Moses got up and built an altar at the foot of the mountain. He also set up twelve pillars, one for each of the twelve tribes of Israel. 5 Then he sent some of the young Israelite men to present burnt offerings and to sacrifice bulls as peace offerings to the LORD. 6 Moses drained half the blood from these animals into basins. The other half he splattered against the altar. 7 Then he took the Book of the Covenant and **READ IT ALOUD TO THE PEOPLE.** Again they all responded, "**We will do everything the LORD has commanded. We will obey.**"

Exodus 25:1-2 (NLT)

1 The LORD said to Moses, 2 "Tell the people of Israel to bring me their sacred offerings. **Accept the contributions from all whose hearts are moved to offer them.** 8 "Have the people of Israel build me a holy sanctuary so I can live among them. 9 You must build this Tabernacle and its furnishings exactly according to the pattern **I will show you.**

VISION

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 confident of promises that are believed but not 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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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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OPPOSITION is to be expected with encountering **VISION**

Fear will be an opponent to VISION

Acts 18:9-10 (NKJV)

*9 Now the Lord spoke to Paul in the night by a vision, "Do not be afraid, but speak, and do not keep silent;
10 for I am with you, and no one will attack you to hurt you; for I have many people in this city."*

Complacency will be an opponent to VISION

Hebrews 6:11-12 (NKJV)

*11 And we desire that each one of you show the same diligence to the full assurance of hope until the end,
12 that you do not become sluggish, but imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.*

Revelation 3:15-16 (NLT)

*15 "I know all the things you do, that you are neither hot nor cold. I wish that you were one or the other!
16 But since you are like lukewarm water, neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth!"*

Fatigue will be an opponent to VISION

Galatians 6:9 (NLT)

*9 So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time
we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up.*

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DOUBT will be an opponent to VISION

Luke 1:5-23 (NKJV)

5 There was in the days of Herod, the king of Judea, a certain priest named Zacharias, of the division of Abijah. His wife was of the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. 6 And they were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless. 7 But they had no child, because Elizabeth was barren, and they were both well advanced in years. 8 So it was, that while he was serving as priest before God in the order of his division, 9 according to the custom of the priesthood, his lot fell to burn incense when he went into the temple of the Lord. 10 And the whole multitude of the people was praying outside at the hour of incense. 11 Then an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing on the right side of the altar of incense. 12 And when Zacharias saw him, he was troubled, and fear fell upon him. 13 But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zacharias, for your prayer is heard; and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John. 14 And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth. 15 For he will be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink. He will also be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother's womb. 16 And he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God. 17 He will also go before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah, 'to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children,' and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord."

18 And Zacharias said to the angel, "How shall I know this? For I am an old man, and my wife is well advanced in years." 19 And the angel answered and said to him, "I am Gabriel, who stands in the presence of God, and was sent to speak to you and bring you these glad tidings. 20 But behold, you will be mute and not able to speak until the day these things take place, BECAUSE YOU DID NOT BELIEVE MY WORDS WHICH WILL BE FULFILLED IN THEIR OWN TIME." 21 And the people waited for Zacharias, and marveled that he lingered so long in the temple. 22 But when he came out, he could not speak to them; and they perceived that he had seen a vision in the temple, for he beckoned to them and REMAINED SPEECHLESS.

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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

NO VISION Leads To A LOOSE LIFE ~ NO DISCIPLINE

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Doubt, Complacency, Fear, and Fatigue

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