



Break the Cycle: Vision January 7, 2024

I. Introduction

The cause of distraction, defeat, disappointment, and discouragement is the loss of vision. A person without vision will be a slave to their reality, their circumstances, and to their mood. Without vision, you will always be floating with the current instead of going in the direction that God has for you. A life of vision will inspire action, become a practical guide for creating goals, provide focus, and give life a purpose. A personal vision for your life will keep you disciplined, focused, motivated, and directed.

II. Provision

- a. Where there is a vision, provision will flow out of it.
- b. A vision has the ability to pull resources, attract talent, and gifts needed for it.
- c. A vision will change the person who has the vision and then the people that hear that vision.
- d. God attaches signs and wonders when a person starts walking out a God given vision!

III. Habakkuk Vision

Habakkuk 2:1-4 NKJV

I will stand my watch And set myself on the rampart, And watch to see what He will say to me, And what I will answer when I am corrected.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."⁴ Behold the proud, His soul is not upright in him; But the just shall live by his faith.

- a. God's voice is my vision. You get a vision not through a college degree, you get a vision by hearing God's voice. Unless you make God's voice louder than any other voice (debt, unforgiveness, critics, pain, your past), you will never be able to have a God given vision for your life.
- b. Example of Building the building in which we worship.
 - i. There was land and there was a plan that existed on paper before it was built. Then the owner of the property contacted a builder to build the facility.
 - ii. The builder worked for the wishes of the owner. He builds what's on the plan and what's in line with the heart of the owner.
 - iii. We are on builders on this earth. You are building God's blueprint for your life. You are not to build a life on your desires and delights. This is why a builder must have good communication with the owner so what is built brings pleasure to the owner.

Jeremiah 29:11 NKJV

¹¹ For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.

- iv. God has a plan for your life. You must see it on the paper first so you can see it in your mind before you can build it.
- c. You build another person's dream. You must build His dream for your life.

Psalms 37:4 NKJV

Delight yourself also in the Lord, And He shall give you the desires of your heart.

IV. How to hear the voice of God?

- a. Be near God.
- b. Be filled with His word
- c. Lower the noise

V. Vision works when we walk towards it. (see Habakkuk 2:2)

- a. Write the vision physically.
- b. Read the vision physically.
- c. Speak the vision
- d. Run to the vision

VI. He's late on your schedule but on time on His schedule.

