

Vision Part 1

Shaped In God's Word

Laser Eye Surgery – Painful...miraculous

Must see the way!!

HELEN KELLER, who was deaf and blind said:
"WORSE THAN BEING BLIND WOULD BE, TO BE ABLE
TO SEE, BUT NOT HAVE VISION."

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The Imperative of Having a Vision!

Just as I think every company, organization or even a church needs to have a vision...I think it is important for every family, married couple and individual to have a vision for their life.

- **Microsoft** 25 Years "A personal computer on every desk in every home
 - Empowering people through great software anytime, any place and on any device
- **Starbucks** "Our mission to inspire and nurture the human spirit – one person, one cup, and one neighborhood at a time."

- I wouldn't date a person who doesn't have a vision for their life.
 - Kee – Sitting in a tree...K – I – S – S – I – N – G
- Jesse Paint a Picture

A **vision** is always before us and identifies what one wants to accomplish or achieve.

An example I'd like to use is:

If I were to give you \$1,000,000 today and told you that you had 1 Week to spend it...How would you spend it? How would you spend every last dollar? So God has given you this life to live and our days are uncertain. How do you plan to spend each of your days. What will you be doing and what do you hope to achieve or accomplish before you die.

A vision is always in front of us!! It is in the future. We look to our future...seeing a vision in front of us. Whatever a person sees is their future! Mt. Rainier

Proverbs 29:18 –

KJV - Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he.

NKJV - Where *there is* no revelation, the people cast off restraint; But happy *is* he who keeps the law.

ESV - Where there is no prophetic vision the people cast off restraint, but blessed is he who keeps the law.

NIV - Where there is no revelation, people cast off restraint; but blessed is the one who heeds wisdom's instruction.

- TOWRAH – Precept or Statute
- YARAH – Root word: Point Out, Teach, Cast or Direct, Instruct

Habakkuk 2:2 – Write the vision and make it plain on the tablets so that he that reads it may run with it.

Where Do You Live?

❖ Never live anywhere else but Present...Today

- Can't Live In The Past –
 - Glory Years
 - Star Football Player in HS
 - Hurts - Pains
 - Gulf War – Tragedies
 - The relationship that didn't work out
 - The business idea I had that failed
- Shouldn't Live In the Future –
 - So Scared
 - Fearful of Tomorrow
 - So Enamored
 - So Heavenly minded They are of no earthly good!

- ❖ **Learn From The Past**
- ❖ **Live In The Present**
- ❖ **Look To The Future**

Grace Point Vision –

Keonna and I knew God was leading us and giving us a vision to start a new church in Enumclaw.

What started as a small group...and Bible study grew as we began to cast the vision God had given us for a church.

I see a city...a Spirit-Filled and Spirit-Led church breaking out of the mold of religion. Where people could come and have an authentic encounter with the presence, power and love of God!

Grace Point's Vision Statement is:

Display PDF - God's love To Us, In Us and Thru Us!

Success so far!!

- Over 80 Salvations
- 38 Baptisms
- Helped Fund Missions

- Partnered with multiple churches and ministries operating locally and around the world – ONE Body
- Clothed and Helped Feed the Poor and Homeless
- Outpouring of blessings and help families during the holidays
- Preached the New Covenant – Jesus – Gospel of Grace to people who needed to know the heart of God!!
- Lives Restored and Families Reconnected
- Endured losses and celebrated victories!

Psalms 65:11-13 – *Tuesday Morning*

¹¹ You crown the year with Your goodness,
And Your paths drip *with* abundance.

¹² They drop *on* the pastures of the wilderness,
And the little hills rejoice on every side.

¹³ The pastures are clothed with flocks;
The valleys also are covered with grain;
They shout for joy, they also sing.

Your Vision Shaped By God's Word!

What Word is shaping the plans of your life or even your year?

Matthew 7:24-25 –

²⁴ “Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: ²⁵ and the rain descended, the floods

came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock.

Psalms 119:105 –

Your word *is* a lamp to my feet
And a light to my path.

- Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and light unto my path! It is how I know where I'm going.
 - **It gives me vision!!!**
 - **Clarity!!**
 - **Direction!**
 - **Comfort!!**
 - **Assurance!!**
 - **Points The Way!!**

Without a vision you cast off restraint –

- Go back to the old way or easiest way
- Path of least resistance
- **Hard for God to bless you when you are more content wandering in the wilderness than reaching the promises God is leading and guiding you into.**

God's Spoken and Written Word

My Sheep know my voice! Another they will Not Follow!

Proverbs 3:6 –

In all your ways acknowledge Him,
And He shall direct your paths.

John 16:12-15 –

¹² “I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear *them* now. ¹³ However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own *authority*, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. ¹⁴ He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare *it* to you. ¹⁵ All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare *it* to you.

- **Let he who has an ear hear what the spirit is saying unto His people!!!** (Spoken Word)
- **Spirit Led** – We are not only a Spirit-Filled Church, but Spirit Led! The Holy Spirit will lead and guide us into every truth.

**Faith!!! To see the vision and walk into the vision!!
The vision hinged in God’s word...Spoken Word!!
Written Word!!!**

The Blind Leading The Blind!! Can you see?? Can you hear? That should be a prerequisite for every leader?

1. WOODROW WILSON SAID, "WE GROW GREAT BY DREAMS. ALL BIG MEN ARE DREAMERS."

2. ANOTHER HAS SAID, "THE POOREST MAN IS NOT HE WHO IS WITHOUT A CENT, BUT HE WHO IS WITHOUT A DREAM."
3. THE GREAT MISSIONARY WILLIAM CAREY SAID: "ATTEMPT GREAT THINGS FOR GOD, EXPECT GREAT THINGS FROM GOD."
4. SOMEONE HAD DESCRIBED TWO PRISONERS IN A CELL LOOKING OUT A WINDOW. ONE SAW BARS AND THE OTHER SAW STARS.
5. I AM TALKING ABOUT HAVING A VISION. THE BOTTOM OF THE LADDER IS CROWDED WITH THOSE WHO SEE NO FURTHER THAN THEIR NOSE.
6. AS A PREACHER I WANT TO BE A PERSON WITH A VISION. AS PASTOR OF THIS CHURCH, I WANT US TO A PEOPLE WITH A VISION.