



Growing Together

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Biblical Vision

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- A People of God



“Leaders in any group emerge because they can see a more distant vision than the other members of the community, and they can see how to get the group to that goal. Leaders not only have imagination to improve upon the present, but insight to prepare for the future. They can articulate their program so that others will want to follow.” – James Beall

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“Biblical vision is characterized by penetrative-ness. The original meaning of the word “saw” is to cleave, or split, allowing one to see into, to see through, to go beneath the surface and discover the real nature. Biblical vision also includes the ability to see the final state, to see the end in the distance, the completion. Thus, biblical vision always contains a prophetic element and is ‘toward the future.’” - Dr. Wilson



Aspects of Vision

- Revelation
- Goal (τέλος)
- Action
- Timing



Structure

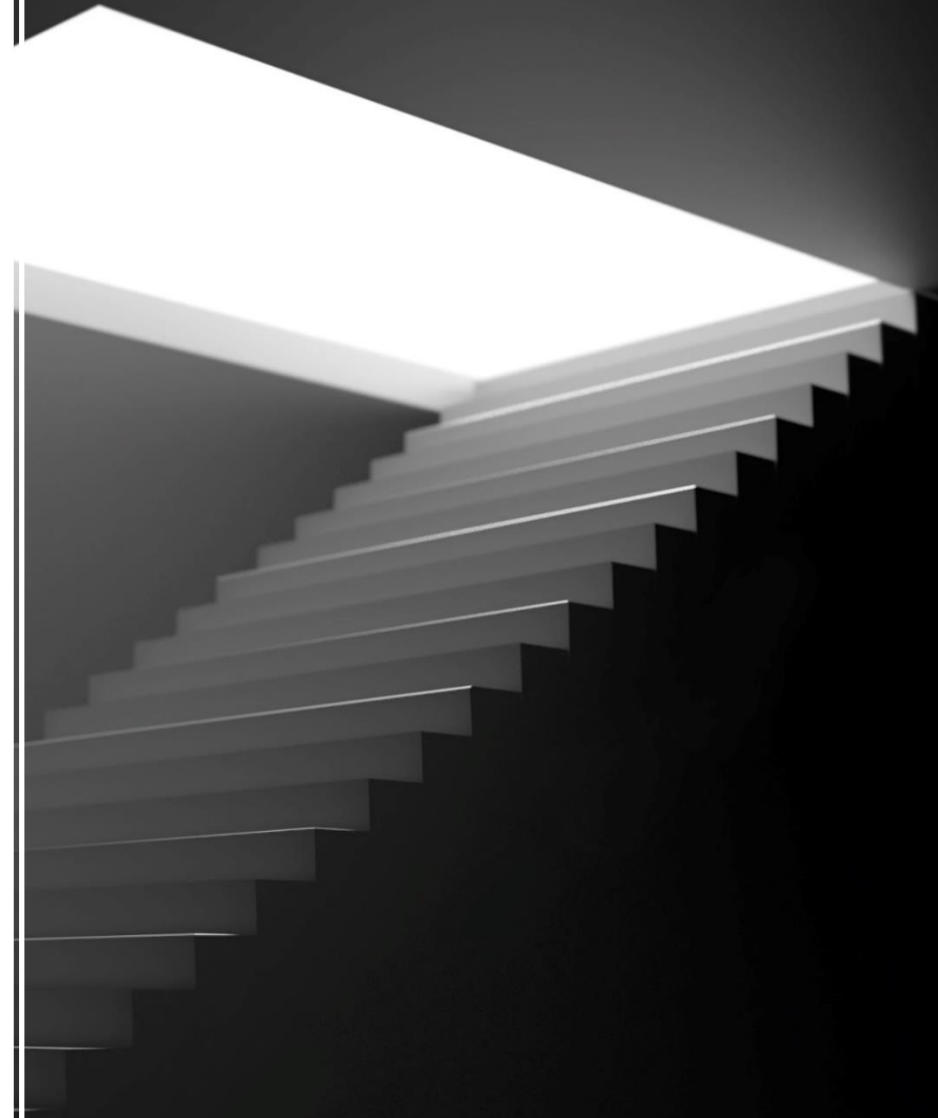
- Necessary for Growth
- Empowers
 - Ownership/Accountability
 - Individual Focus
 - Leveraging Others
- Transcend Self



Integration

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- Teaching
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- Involvement

“A successful religious movement must retain a certain level of continuity with its cultural setting, and yet it must also “maintain a medium level of tension” with that setting as well. That is, a movement must avoid being seen as completely alien or incomprehensible. But, on the other hand, it must also have what I mean by distinctives, distinguishing features that set it apart in its cultural setting, including the behavioral demands made upon its converts. There has to be a clear difference between being an insider to the group and an outsider.” – Larry Hurtado



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