

Living The Vision

“A man without a vision is a man without a future, a man without a future will always return to his past.” (P.K. Bernard)

Vision is the bridge between the present and the future.

A God vision consists of foresight, insight and oversight that come from His sight.

- **Foresight** is like looking at life through a telescope. This outlook allows us to know what is ahead as it connects us to our future.
- **Insight** is like viewing life through a microscope. This perception gives us an understanding of why things happen in life and the underlying motivations of the heart.
- **Oversight** puts life into context. It is like flying over our house in a helicopter. There is a perspective that we can only receive from this vista that helps us understand where we are with respect to where everything else is.

1. Vision Brings Focus.

Habakkuk 2:2 - Then the Lord said to me, “Write my answer plainly on tablets, so that a runner can carry the correct message to others. NLT

Give the vision to runners - the **clear vision** will find its runner...

Get a God vision for your life - if you feel that life is aimless / lacking direction - you probably don't have a God vision for your life. Its exhausting to try and produce something when you don't have a vision - running aimlessly. Activity without progress / growth.

So many comment after a mission trip - how happy people where even when they had so little - but many in America are so unhappy and have so much - no vision / acquiring things may be what you are pursuing but things wont bring focus - opposite - things bring clutter / consume time / uses energy that brings that feeling of aimlessness.

Vision is not given to sitters - but to runners - let that God vision find you today - figure out how God will use you - are you a sprinter, a marathon runner, cross-country?

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marathon that it will take to build that minister - trust God - He knows who the marathon runners are.

There are some incredible ministries that haven't been birthed because God has planted them in the heart of a marathon runner - a marathon runner who is intimidated by the sprint that it will take to build that ministry - trust God - He knows who the sprinters are.

Cross country runners - problem solvers - Some of you would double your pay in a few years if you will figure out what kind of runner you are - make yourself valuable. Indispensable.

We are all runners - find your race.

Vision destroys aimlessness - aimless running.....

2. Focus Brings Purpose.

1 Corinthians 9:24-26 - Don't you realize that in a race everyone runs, but only one person gets the prize? So run to win! 25 All athletes are disciplined in their training. They do it to win a prize that will fade away, but we do it for an eternal prize. 26 So I run with purpose in every step. I am not just shadowboxing. NLT

Focus will sharpen you - most knives have two edges - one blunt and one sharp - A knife cuts because it has a narrow focus.

Focus brings purpose. Greatest problem solver in your life is Focus - makes you get real with your issues.

With Focus - you can see the things that slow you down - Paul talked about removing weights and sins so you can run effectively.

Tomorrow morning - what do I need to solve - what hatred do I need to let go of, What jealousy, what hurt, what offense, what sin, what habit, what laziness, what convince? figure it out with Focus -

Removing those things help you live on purpose...

Purpose will get you moving - Purpose revealed is God getting you to take the first step - God is drawn to that action. You will be surprised how quick God will show up when you make a move, take a step.

3. Purpose Brings Fulfillment.

Ephesians 1:16 - That's why, when I heard of the solid trust you have in the Master Jesus and your outpouring of love to all the followers of Jesus, I couldn't stop thanking God for you—every time I prayed, I'd think of you and give thanks. But I do more than thank. I ask—ask the God of our Master, Jesus Christ, the God of glory—to make you **(1 Know God) intelligent and discerning in knowing him** personally, **(2 Find Freedom)** your eyes focused and clear, so that you can **(3 Discover Purpose)** see exactly what it is he is calling you to do, **(4 Make a difference)** grasp the immensity of this glorious way of life he has for his followers, oh, the utter extravagance of his work in us who trust him—endless energy, boundless strength! MSG

1. Know God.
2. Find Freedom.
3. Discover Purpose.
4. Make a difference.

Greatest Vision / greatest prayer - In relationship with Jesus