

What is Vision? And why do we need it?

Without vision we see our lives through these crazy lenses. You see something, Can't quite figure out what it is and you aren't certain you want it because you can't tell what it is.

Vision is simply this: It's a discovery of God's plan as it relates to you. Notice I said God's plan and not your plan. (Pull glasses off and on to demonstrated between Gods plan and your plan)

No man has seen Glory without first seeing vision first. Lets look at Moses. Exodus 3:1-10

Moses fled Egypt because Pharaoh was trying to kill him because he killed an Egyptian guard for beating a Hebrew. Moses had no sin of himself. He was a Hebrew but was raised by Pharaoh's daughter. He lived in the palace and had a very privileged life.

Moses found himself in the desert tending sheep for 40 years in a place called Median which means, a desolate and dry place.

A person that has no vision is living in the same place that Moses found himself living in. Your life is dry and void of life. You may be living and going about your day-to-day life but that's a far cry from living with vision and purpose. That's called just getting by!!

Moses stayed in this dry place for 40 years. (Remember no man has seen glory without first seeing vision.) Moses went from royalty to obscurity that is until he came in contact with glory and vision was given. Look at vs. 10. "So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt." WOW!!

All of the sudden vision was born!! When vision is given direction always follows. Exodus 4:15 "You shall speak to him (Aaron) and put words into his mouth; I will help both of you speak and will teach you what to do." Sounds like a plan to me!!

Let me pause here and say, vision is not the same as ambition. Ambition is what a man desires to become in life. Vision on the other hand is what God has created YOU to become. My plan was way different for my life than Gods plan for my life.

Child Psychology. (Put glasses on for Psychology and pull them off when referencing Gods plan.)

The only meeting point for ambition and vision is when the will of man is lost in the will of God. Without vision there can be NO ambition, period!!!

So how do we get vision?

1. You have to separate yourself from the crowd. You are not common!!! Don't worry what everyone else is doing. Focus on what God has spoken in your life. Don't let the opinion of family, friends, or even me cloud the vision God has spoken over your life. Look with me at Numbers 13:1/ 13:30-32.
2. The second way that we receive vision is through prayer. Prayer gives birth to vision. Ephesians 5:17 "Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lords will is."
3. Write it down. A vision that isn't written down will soon be forgotten. Example: Read the vision God gave me for the church. Habakkuk 2:2 "The Lord replied: Write the vision down and make it plain on tablets so that a herald may run with it. For the revelation awaits an appointed time; it speaks of the end and will not prove false. Though it lingers, wait for it; it will certainly come and not delay."
4. Lastly, get the timing right. Notice in Habakkuk 2:2 It says, "For the revelation awaits an appointed time.."

I cant tell you how many times I have talked with people who have missed the appointed time because they got ahead of God. Remember Habakkuk 2:2 "Though it lingers, wait for it; it will certainly come and not delay."