

## Experience the Power of Divine Vision

Prov 29:18

Where there is no **vision**, the people **perish** ... (KJV)

Vision is God's **specific** purpose plan in your life.

God's purpose is not always **against** your wish – oh you **marry** him

(**prophecy** only confirm not dictate) –

Ps 37:4-5

4 Seek your happiness in the LORD, and he will give you your heart's desire. TEV

**Hudson – Livingstone – died – heart**

Teen – China

Smoke of a thou village

Hudson Taylor – always has dream – teens – CHINA

Livingstone – the smoke of a thousand villages

All England mourn – heart buried under a tree in Africa – a drunken man wail and cried – I had the same call - missed Jeremiah 29:11

11 For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "

... plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

**Perish - future is made in vision and dreams – no ...**

No vision no future possibilities

**Lang - HS uses vision to create future,**

Language of HS

Vision – lay hold of **OPPORT** – 365

Each yr brings us 365 days of **opport**,

Vision change you – never same again

**Abraham, Moses, Paul, Rahab**  
Abrah retired man → greatest explorer Moses – **fugitive** - greatest deliverer bef chr

Abraham was a retired man at age 75 when he received God's vision and he became the greatest explorer the world had ever known. Moses, at age 80, fugitive – seeking asylum - in the backside of the desert and he became the greatest deliverer before Christ. Paul a persecutor of the church became the greatest missionary. What happened? Their vision changed their future.

Why must vision change you **first?**

Mirror

We are our greatest enemy

How will vision change you and why?

Changes the way we walk, eat, speak, hear – like **pregnancy – stretch** us

many young woman do not want to be pregnant so soon

**Vision will change the way you think**

What are the differences between Joshua and Caleb and the rest of the team that was sent to spy the land?

Think of **possibilities**

Stop living according to what you can see in the natural

Look at the **Positive**

Numbers 13:33

33 We saw the Nephilim there (the descendants of Anak come from the Nephilim). We seemed like grasshoppers in our own eyes, and we looked the same to them."

10 spies – think **impossibilities** – only see **Giants** – themselves as **grasshoppers** - rob 2 mill chance

Num 14:6-9

The land we passed through to spy out is an exceedingly good land. ...

Do not fear the people of the land, for they are our bread; their protection has departed from them, and the LORD is with us. Do not fear them." NJKV

Joshua and Caleb – they saw giants – see beyond – **vision of what God can do**

Negative peo rob – 2 mill - **Die** in wilderness

Killed instantly – never use God can never use

One is more than enough for you **OWN good** flee from people – negative – gossipers – not **nice** leh – just listen – rob you of your blessing

Positive peo – full of life - **creative, productive**

Not **denial** - bread for us – **ROTI**

Not deny the giants

Know someone **greater** and stronger

Make us stronger – vitamin

Willing to try new things - **African**

African – don't wear shoes – great market!

**Vision gives you tenacity – determination**

Bull dog tenacity - Not give up

Do something for God – sure – lots of **challenges – storm:**

Exodus 6:9

Moses reported this to the Israelites, but they did not listen to him because of their

**discouragement** and cruel bondage.

1 Cor 16:9

How does vision keep us going in the midst of challenges?

Key keep going – **vision**

**LINCOLN:**

mun died – baby – little opp to finish sch – Start business –

bankrupt - Fell in love – she died

Married – unhappy rest of life - run

state legislature 6x

Genesis 13:14-17

The LORD said to Abram after Lot had parted from him, "Lift up your **eyes** from where you are and **look** north and south, east and west. 15 All the land that you **see** I will give to you and your offspring forever.

**Abraham was 75 when God called him. It was 18 years later - laugh**

I can imagine that everywhere he went, people laughing and scorning him. Calling himself Abraham (father of many nations) when he did not have an egg to his name.

What kept him going? Vision! **Stars - sand**

God used vision to keep him going. Look up! Can you see the stars. That is the number of your descendants! Too tired? Look down. Can you see the sands? That is the number of your descendants. Looking up or down, he kept on seeing visions. Vision keeps us going at high periods and low periods of our life.

**Keep** focusing on vision – seed of Abraham

You can be strip of everything – but the blessing of God – rise up again – Joseph ...

Discouragement is a **choice**.

A person is discouraged because he chose to be discouraged

How do you determine a person's **character**

Not talent, wealth, anointing, age

But by what it takes for him to be discouraged

**Edison** - Success is 10% inspiration – 90% perspiration

**Vision** - 999 **opport** of education – opport – mistakes - stupid – staff

**Man of vision sees OPPORTUNITIES in midst of challenges**

Cheated – **MISTAKES** - don't discourage – made stupid mistakes in exam - **Opport** – seek God more intense

**STAFF** – 10,000 mistake – if sack – waste if willing to learn and change

Ok to make mistakes – don't make it twice

Corrie – worst camp – infested with fleas – later – realized – able to have Bible studies – guards wont go in the camp

## I. Vision will **change** you

## How is the years of waiting not wasted?

Years of waiting not wasted – David 24

Fought lions bears psalms rel with God - **char**

Moses

Even in the **natural** world, there is a need for incubation

The most dangerous moment

**The vibrant local church is a great ground to develop and confirm God's vision in your life.**

18 years – daughter of Abraham not healed – teaching not filled with grace

...

Acts 13:1-2

1 In the church at Antioch there were prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen (who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch) and Saul.

2 While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them."

13 years Antioch – cell ...- **dentist**

The local church cell group provides the best opportunity to develop our character in real life situation.

**Dentist** – anointing only

Call – yes – need dev - tested – confirmed

**Flow with faithful pastor's vision ...**

Lester Quaran, ...

As **David** obey – found destiny

God's way – man not **organ**

**HIST**: when God wants do anything – deli nation, enter land, reform

Raise up one man – obedient

First – **COMMITTEE** – voted out

Logical -- One head in country, family, company, body - If 2 – monster

2 vision – division

Num 11:17

Ps 133

Anointing - blessings **flow** ...

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! 2 It is like the precious oil upon the head, running down on the beard of Aaron, running down on the edge of his garments.

For there the LORD commanded the blessing -- Life forevermore. NKJV

Same as prin of the first fruit and the Aaron HP & sons as in **Num 18:12-13**

**Church** can only go as far as leaders go – **easier** – **geese V** Leaders had **breakthrough** – easier rest to follow

You know why - geese V?

**VIDEO** - Geese

The one in front - breaks strongest wind current – honk cheers

**Geese** flies in V formation

– first breaks the wind current – rest easier – rest honk cheers – enc – know if leaders go bef them – easier for them

A way to cheer your leader, your pastor is to **pray** for him – **health - blessings**

Pray for pas – you actually praying for yourself

Testimonies:

Youth

Pray for health and **blessings**

Pray bef you say anything

So if d don't **want YOU** have more blessings, wealth, health – **where** attack first

– **Judas d** not just after Jesus – all of us

Rejoice when you pastor is blessed

– upset with the blessing your pastor get – upset with very prin of harvest – limit yourself ...

**Submission** is **strength**

Luke 2:51-52

51 Then he went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. But his mother treasured all these things in her heart. 52 And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.

Prepare by being open to **correction**

Run or rebell, only delay or rob yourself of God's plan

Prov 19:20 Listen to advice and accept instruction, and in the end you will be wise.

Proverbs 27:6 Wounds from a friend can be trusted, but an enemy multiplies kisses.

See the destiny - **Absalom** – **Miriam**

2 Samuel 15:1-6

Numbers 12:1-12

Weakness is real, but he is still God's servant

Genesis 9:20-27

Luke 16:10-12

**Vision is always growing - it is a living thing**

Ecclesiastes 8:6

For there is a proper time and procedure for every matter.

**Young** – Joseph or old - Caleb at age 80 asked Joshua: Give me this mountain.

No teeth - give me this mt

Prov 16:31

31 White hair is a crown of glory and is seen most among the godly.

TLB

**Don't bath in self pity**

– not body wanted me – no –

Christ centred – fresh vision what God can do thru you

Always **growing** – if God reveal everything at once – overwhelmed

**Share some vision you have in this season in your life:**

## 2. Vision will **empower** you

Remember the story of the **farmer**

Stolen eagle egg – place among ducks  
Eaglet grow up among ducks – talk – sing, eat like duck

Think – that is all to life – **happy living** as a duck – playing with mud dirt

when his destiny is the sky – big horizon vision

settled with the sec best or cheap imitations – designer drugs

**Wish** – eagle – ask mother duck  
Until one day – saw himself – power arises from within

**Why must vision be empowered by grace and Christ's sacrifice?**

**Your Vision must be empowered by Christ's grace**

64% of pastors experience **min burnt out**

Tired and weary and exhausted of serving

**Nadab and Abihu** experience the **ultimate burnt out**

– lit burnt while serving

Leviticus 10:1-6

Then Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, each took his censer and put fire in it, put incense on it, and offered **profane** fire before the LORD, which He had **not commanded** them. 2 So **fire** went out from the LORD and devoured them, and they died before the LORD.

**Profane fire**: unauthorised fire, strange fire, foreign fire

**Censer** – fragrance – Coal from the altar of Burnt offering – 9 am 3 pm

– not how we love or are sacrificial  
If driven by **self effort** – sacrifice

→ **proud** - self pity

- despise others that don't

- **complain** - where's my return,

tears – no body notice

driven by Grace – realize privilege – joy –

Totally caught up with **Christ's** sacrifice

Seldom – use **sacri** – embarrass – yet greatest giver

If serve by **grace** - **seldom** uses the term sacrifice - embarrass to use term

Corrie – service – saw a former Nazi guard

Vision – abuse – nakedness  
– death of Betzy and dad  
Couldn't lift up hand – shake  
– pray twice  
I cant – you give me  
Electric current – peace love  
flow out

Realize when God as to love,  
he gave us his love  
No pit too deep that God's  
love cant reach

Why must we have big  
visions?

Empowered by grace – we  
dream big dreams –  
beyond our ability – His  
ability

You vision must always be  
bigger than you – why – rely  
him - glory

Big vision attracts big  
people

Bold to proclaim, there will  
be oppositions

Even great leaders – Moses –  
found oppositions from within  
but there will also be  
supporters unknown,  
unexpected – Prayer meet

When we made the decision  
to purchase the 23 million  
building, we proclaimed our  
vision clearly. In one of our all  
night prayer meetings,  
unknown to us, a man came  
with all kinds of questions  
regarding our vision. Pastor  
Elisa without knowing it  
prophesied. In that prophesy,  
she answered all his questions.  
He broke down and  
encountered God afresh. That  
changed his life totally. This  
man out of nowhere is now one  
of the strongest supporters of  
our vision. He has given two  
million dollars and much  
untiring effort.

Not just attract big people –  
also make ordinary people  
extraord

**Big vision makes you  
extraordinary and uncommon**

1 Peter 1:15-16; Leviticus 11:45

15 But just as he who called you is  
holy, so be holy in all you do; 16 for  
it is written: "Be holy, because I am  
holy."

What does it mean- holy?

Some: way tie hair – curly bun –  
like Popeye girl friend - dress –  
food – kind of make up

Kind of dress – don't dress

Type of food – eat or cannot eat

What – make up put on – or can't  
put – how much

How much need? – depends on you  
Even old house – look new – new  
coat of paint

Separate – distinct - uncommon  
– in whatever circumstances

Abraham – Rebecca – Sarah –  
Naomi - Joseph – Moses – Isaac  
- Peter – Zacch

Star – main cause – mo in law

Tradition – some – cause

breakdown – wedding arrangement  
God's way: honor yes – control no  
Deuteronomy 24:5

5 If a man has recently married, he  
must not be sent to war or have any  
other duty laid on him. For one year  
he is to be free to stay at home and  
bring happiness to the wife he has  
married.

Under 25 and over 40

Luther – Livingstone – Hudson  
Taylor – Eric Liddle – impact  
beyond their natural ability

Abraham – retired man – Vision –  
greatest entp

Rebecca – did 300 more – mother  
of a great nation

Sarah – touched by grace –

whatever you control – loose

Joseph – made kings rich – Top  
man – actually rule Egypt

Moses – rod – brought terror to a  
nation

Peter – uncommon fisherman – 1<sup>st</sup>  
evangelist

Zacch – ½ away, return 4 times –  
more than reqd

Ephesians 3:20

Now to Him who is able to do  
exceedingly abundantly above all that  
we ask or think, according to the  
power that works in us, NKJV

Cho

RLC new building - 1996

enlarge tent

prepare for the great harvest

1997 July crisis

Tenants leave – Bank - Recall  
loan

Peo from outside says - RLC  
is in trouble

Not able to raise money to make  
in – don't have great people

He is absolutely correct – great  
God - ord

We do not have great man, But  
we have a great God, He loves to  
use ord man, Fill him with a great  
purpose

There are no great people, only  
ordinary people with great dreams.

God gave vision – overcome  
econ famine

Remember – 7 fat – 7 lean years  
In time, sell – land – animal –  
even kids – buy grain

When they came to the end of  
themselves

Joseph gave them seed – part  
plant – eat – give - never have to  
beg

Genesis 47:23-25

24 And it shall come to pass in the  
harvest that you shall give one-fifth to  
Pharaoh. Four-fifths shall be your  
own, as seed for the field and for your  
food, for those of your households  
and as food for your little ones."

25 So they said, "You have saved  
our lives; let us find favor in the  
sight of my lord, and we will be  
Pharaoh's servants." NKJV

Big vision stirs up inert  
potentials in us.

Vision LIFTS people up to what  
they can be.

Romans 4:17

... calls things that are not as  
though they were.

Romans 9:25

25 As he says in Hosea: "I will call them  
'my people' who are not my people; and I  
will call her 'my loved one' who is not my  
loved one,"

Kansas – 2 books, coins, 10,000  
10 mill

I was preaching on Vision in Kansas  
city. It was an evening service with a few  
hundred people. But the pastor  
duplicated the tape to 2000 of his  
members. One listening to the message  
was so caught up with the vision of the  
church that he asked the Lord to make  
him a giver. He is not rich but he wanted  
to give. The Lord led him to an antique  
store where he purchased an old book.  
He flipped it open and he found a gold  
coin. He sold the gold coin for US  
\$10,000. He gave it to the church. The  
Lord also led him to another store to  
purchase another book. He also found  
another gold coin and again he sold it  
for US \$10,000. When you have a heart  
to give, the Lord will open up channels  
for you.

Bro in Christ - truck

Prayer meet – passing remark – wish –  
Chinese min – cover half

They did. They changed the mentality  
that they could not as they are mainly  
very ordinary people.

A lady was given RM200,000 by her  
husband to purchase an apartment.

She gave it all away for the building.  
On another occasion, her children gave  
all their Chinese New Year gifts (ang  
pows) to the Lord. She testified time and  
again how the Lord continued to bless  
her and her family in every area of their  
life. She is one of our most fervent soul  
winners and disciple makers.

How do we become extraordinary  
and uncommon?

Vision leads you to experience the  
supernatural as you step out

Moses, Josh, Peter – common?

REV? Miracle is not in the boat

Step out – Live the miraculous,

Undertakers – looking at the past

Why rocket is a particular size -- 4'8" –  
think out of box

constrain by rail track – between –  
why rail track? – London – wide of  
chariots – why – wide of 2 horse butts –

Nasa – despite of great scri advance – constrained by size of 2 stupid horse butts

**Caretaking** - looking at the present

**Risk-taking** - Focus on the vision

Members depend on God's resources

Faith is impossible without risk

Risking taking church may experience challenges but it is exciting church to serve

Won't be a dull moment

Rather do something great and fail, than doing nothing and succeed.

Aim at noting, you are sure to get it

### 3. Vision will give you specific **direction**

Psa 127:1 Unless the LORD builds the house, its builders labor in vain.

**Make sure – not you own plans or ambition - David**

- David – **great plan purpose – motive – ability**

**What are some of the ways that God reveal his vision to us?**

Not taking stupid risk – vision – we had learned – dev – as we flow with the vision of the local church and also ...

Prov 29:18 Where there is no **prophecy** the people cast off restraint ... RSV

**God's Word, Prophetic preaching and Prophetic words release Vision.**

**Cho** (not offer money)– Acacia - Uncommon

**Cast off restraint**

Off tract - out of control, going in all directions – drugs – gambling

**TAYLOR** – deter be doc – self support – tough –

demanding – boring – willing – Vision **How does vision keep us from going off track and unrestrain?**

**Vision not only tell us what we do, it also tell us what we should *not* do**

Highest call – what God wants you to be – **Billy Graham**

If God calls you to be a preacher why stoop so low to be a president?

**John Haggai** – does not do staff evaluations

He simply sets - specific goals, specified with time frames. **Busy**

That is the staff's evaluation – the goals create the yardstick

They may be busy doing good things but not doing what they are employed to do – not fulfilling the vision.

**Student** – study – not BGR

Taylor – took medical studies – vision – missionary – willing to endure – tough training and boring ... Proverbs 24:27

27 Finish your outdoor work and get your fields ready; after that, build your house. NIV

27 Develop your business first before building your house. TLB

**Vision makes us call driven, not needs driven**

Acts 16:6-10

6 Paul and his companions traveled throughout the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been kept by the Holy Spirit from preaching the word in the province of Asia. 7 When they came to the border of Mysia, they tried to enter Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus would not allow them to. 8 So they passed by Mysia and went down to Troas.

9 During the night Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." 10 After Paul had seen the vision, we got ready at once to leave for Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

**Paul wanted – N S E – need Holy Spirit – west – dream – why?**

Mind too active - **rest** vision flow  
What would have happened if Paul had only responded to a need? - **dupli**

He would have gone in all directions. But not done what called – **duplication**

God's strategy was to reach Europe first. Hundreds of years later, Europe became the greatest missions sending continent. William Carey went to India and Hudson Taylor to China.

**Needs everywhere – give where God calls you – dupli. Priority**

Ver – if God call you to a local ch – your highest priority to give to the local ch

Clear Priority – local ch – your own father

Don't **copy** what others churches doing

– lots of social min – what God calls us – raise up kings – **support - Bill**

Eg. Ministry to raise kings – at short notice able to support ministry like Bill Wilson – down payment for new building.

**Pioneering** – didn't conc on social ministries

If – start with drug addicts – where got pool of people – support the min

**RLC exp: Build up people – word – prayer – family – raise up entp - mission**

**Vision → Confirm in local church - Rev - Word - prophecy - rest (dream)**

**Praying in the Spirit reveals God's Vision.**

Acts 2:7-11

People – all over country – came to Jer – heard 120 speaking in their language

11 ... we hear them **speaking** in our own tongues the wonderful works of God."

wonderful work – what God has plan for your life

God has a **plan**, d also have a plan **World** - just got to **bear** – whatever – just my **fate**

what will be will be – if **pig dog cow year** – going to have bull life

**Faith** is of God – fate is not

Ephesians 6:17-18

17 Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. 18 And (δύα) pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert ...

And δύα: by means of

**Belt of truth - Breastplate of r - Shoe of gospel of peace - Shield of faith - Helmet of salvation - Sword of spirit is Word - Rhema**

**Praying in the Holy Spirit- 8<sup>th</sup>?**

No – praying is the **key** to other

**weapons** – esp **rhema** of God –

**Specific** – creative word

**Pray tongues** – a while – rest -

**hear his voice**

**Why creative ideas?** – made - **peace**

Made in the image of God

**Great idea?**- where – most brilliant

Business, sales, ministry

**Where** do you think gave you that

creative **idea** – the Creator

How I **know** – not every from God

Philippians 4:6-7

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; 7 and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.