

Reset

Vision: Going Somewhere on Purpose

Having a vision for life means you are not just drifting along reacting to everything that happens, but you are intentional.

Scriptural Foundation: Proverbs 29:18

Proverbs 29:18 KJV - *Where there is no vision, the people perish: But he that keepeth the law, happy is he.*

Proverbs 29:18 ESV - *Where there is no prophetic vision the people cast off restraint, but blessed is he who keeps the law.*

1) A Vision for Your Church

a) The Prophetic Vision for Christian Life Church

- i) A prophetic vision is a specific word from God for a specific people of God for a specific time.
- ii) Every church needs a Prophetic Vision

The CLC Vision - Win the lost, make disciples out of the converts, and raise up the next generation of leaders.

b) It's the Right Vision

- i) In the Right Place
- ii) At the Right Time
- iii) Doing the Right Thing
- iv) With the Right People

c) Find your place in this prophetic vision and start going somewhere on purpose.

2 Timothy 4:5-8 - *As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.*

- i) Do you have a vision for reaching the lost?

ii) Do you have a vision for making disciples?

iii) Do you have a vision for becoming a leader?

2) A Vision for Yourself

a) If people don't have a prophetic vision to live for, they get sloppy.

Don't be a soupy, sappy, sloppy Christian.

i) Soupy? Slushy / Soft / The consistency of soup / Opposite of solid!

ii) Sappy? Juicy! / Sentimental / Romantic

iii) Sloppy? Lack of order / Messy

b) Three Keys to Discovering Your Personal Vision:

i) Your Passions

When God made you, He hardwired certain things in your heart that you find very important. These passions will often become a guiding force in your life.

Your passions are things you value so much that you would be willing to sacrifice time, money, and effort while engaging in them.

(1) Three guiding questions to ask one's self when seeking a personal vision:

(a) Question #1 – "What really angers me?"

Moses was angry when he saw Egyptians beating a Hebrew slave.

(b) Question #2 – "What thrills my spirit?"

Joseph loved his dreams, even when his family rejected them.

(c) Question #3 – What burdens my heart?

Nehemiah's heart was broken over the condition of Jerusalem's walls.

(2) When God gives you a passion for something, you will know it.

(a) It could be a passion for a particular city, nation, or ethnic group.

(b) It could be for a particular revelation of Scripture or a prophetic message.

Prayer, biblical marriages, worship, Bible teaching, etc....

- (c) It is often a passion or burden for a particular people or troubling circumstance.

(Unwed mothers, inner-city children, education, people in poverty, people in prison, politics, divorcees, revival, ministering to men or women, ministering to the elderly or terminally ill)

ii) Your Abilities

Your abilities consist of your natural talents and your spiritual gifts.

(1) Spiritual Gifts

Romans 12:6-8 NIV - We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; v.7 if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; v.8 if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

(2) Natural Abilities

- (a) Natural abilities are an important element when it comes to finding personal vision for your life. Sometimes God uses His people in areas of ministry in which they are not naturally gifted. But, there is almost always a clear manifestation of a spiritual gift that operates with the God-given inclination and ability of that individual.

(b) Passionate but Unskilled and Ungifted?

There are certain things of which you may be passionate and yet unskilled and ungifted. Trying to build a personal vision, if you are not gifted or skilled to do it, will frustrate you and others and be a waste of resources.

(c) Three Very Important Questions:

- (i) What do you absolutely love to do?
- (ii) What do you absolutely love to do that has a significant impact on others?
- (iii) What do you secretly believe you can do but have never tried?

iii) Your Past Experiences

Romans 8:28 - And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.

- (1) The verse listed above makes it crystal clear about your past. **It happened for a reason!**
- (2) All the events of your past serve you now as tools to prepare you for the fulfillment of your future vision as a disciple of Jesus.
 - (a) “All things” includes the bad things!
 - (b) Think about how the negative things in your past have all served to shape the way you think and act today.
 - (c) Looking at your past experiences through the eyes of your future is often all that is needed to bring clarity to your future calling.