

Fulfilling God's Vision for Your Life

“Where there is no vision, the people perish” **Proverbs 29:18**

The word vision means to have sight, to dream, to receive revelation, enlightenment. The word perish in this reference means to loosen, to expose, to bare, to uncover, to cast off restraint.

What the writer of proverbs is saying to us is, when people lose sight of God and His purpose for their life and their church, they cast off all restraint of holy and righteous living and begin to live undisciplined lives. When Helen Keller was asked, “What would be worse than being born blind?” She said, “to have sight without vision.” When a person loses his vision, they become tolerant of sin and make excuses for the sin that is present in their midst. If we are to avoid such activities in our lives and churches, then we need to realize and recognize the importance of vision.

Vision is a specific call to an individual or a church, imparted by the Lord, which gives them a mental picture of a preferable future. When we understand the vision that God has given us as Christians, we will realize our uniqueness, and then we can move to become all that God wants us to be.

Challenge: The question that each of us needs to answer now is, “Are we a people with a God given vision?” You and I will be driven by the dreams and visions that we have for the future, or we will be limited by our fears, addictions and failures. Is your vision and dream for the future a selfish one designed to bring you more pleasure and possession, or one that serves the Kingdom of God? A God given vision will glorify God and not the individual or the church.

Our vision, or lack of it, will be our destiny.



Sermon Notes

“To be rather than to seem”

Vision is not just a picture of what could be; it is an appeal to our better selves, a call to become something more.

➤ Vision begins with an accurate view of **JESUS**

“Who are you Lord?” Acts 25:15

➤ Vision calls us to **ACTION**

“Now get up and stand on your feet!” Acts 26:16

Don't let the reality of your failures prevent you from being used by God

➤ Vision will challenge your **SECURITY**

“I will rescue you from your own people and from the Gentiles.” Acts 26:17

➤ Vision will take you places you never **imagined**

“I am sending you to them to open their eyes and turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God.” Acts 26:18

Still Having Trouble Seeing?

“You are all children of the light and children of the day.” 1 Thess 5:5

Completely Forgiven—Romans 8:39

You are Valuable — “you were bought at a price.” 1 Cor 6:20

You are unconditionally Love — “God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” Romans 5:8

Acts 26:15-18

“Then I asked, ‘Who are you, Lord?’

“‘I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting,’ the Lord replied. ‘Now get up and stand on your feet. I have appeared to you to appoint you as a servant and as a witness of what you have seen and will see of me. I will rescue you from your own people and from the Gentiles. I am sending you to them to open their eyes and turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.’