

The Necessity of Vision:

Text: (Prov 29:18) *Where there is no **vision**, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he.*

Absence of Vision, Not about Physical Blindness.

Vision: intelligent foresight:

Vision: a vivid, imaginative conception.

- A mental image produced by the imagination.
- The mental image of something not yet realized.
- How we see or conceive of something not yet.

Vision: A Forward Look.

A Goal to be achieved, a Lifestyle or Habit to form.

The Necessity of Personal Vision is because:

Life cannot be lived through the rearview Mirror -

Illus: Missing My Exit!

Forget the Past. It doesn't matter!

Our High-school achievements...

When is the last time you mentioned them on a resume or Job application?

Forget the Past failures, Can't be changed or Fixed.

Stop wishing for a better past!

Your past, is as good a place as any to BE FROM!

We MUST Arise To The Future!

It isn't just going to fall into your lap.

Only Dead Fish Float: You must rise to the occasion.

Vision is the mental image produced by our imagination of the Future.

We Must form the mental image of something not yet realized.

We Must conceive it, others cannot do it for us.

The future belongs to those who see possibilities before they become obvious.

You can not be afraid of failing.

Because if you are, you will never strive to accomplish anything.

A Physical Vision is easy, Advertisers help us.

Jenny Craig, Abs after 40 guys,

they show us what the future can be physically.

A Spiritual Vision: is the need to see things from God's Point of View.

From the vantage point of the GOD POSSIBLE!

Illus: *Helen Keller said: "The only thing worse than being blind is having sight but no vision."*

Salvation is where the healing of Spiritual Blindness starts.

(2 Cor 4:3-6) - (Eph 4:17-19)

Illus: Have you ever wondered at the vile foolishness of some People?

How can they not recognize the fetus as a baby?

How can they not recognize the elderly as having value?

How can they stomach Sodomy and see it as normal?

They cannot see things from the true reality until they see it from God's Point of View.

The Bible is God's point of view on Everything.

(Is 8:20) *To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.*

(Prv 29:18b) *but he that keepeth the law, happy is he*

The word of God brings sight to the Spiritually Blind (2Cor4:6) *Light of the Knowledge of the Glory of God*

Where there is no vision,

No prophet to expound the law,
No priest or Levite to teach the knowledge of God
no means of grace,

(1 Sam 3:1) "no open vision,"

The word of the Lord is scarce
where this is the case; *the people perish;*

(Matt 23:13-23) Jesus called them ***Hypocrites***,
b/c they appear to follow the Law, but don't.
He called them Fools and Blind.

(Rom 11:25) Israel is as blind today as they were then
(Lk 4:18; John 9:39-41) Jesus said His mission to
heal spiritual blindness.

Blindness can come upon God's people too.

(Hos 4:6) *My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.*

Illus: We can see; we have sight; but something is clouding our vision!

Eye Matted shut, Infection.

(2 Tim 4:10) *Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world, & is departed unto Thessalonica.*

We Christians can allow our vision to clouded with goals of personal & financial gains.

We have to have our own Spiritual Vision for the

future: they can easily be expressed as Goals.

Illus: Preacher shooting at buzzards!

Even with a shotgun, you have to aim!

You have to Pick a target!

1. Personal Vision?

Where do you see yourself a year from now?

Physically, Financially, Professionally.

For me, these are always the easiest.

As a Man they can satisfy my flesh, ego, pride, etc.

BUT Where do you see yourself a year from now Spiritually?

This is a bit tougher.

Our flesh is rarely fulfilled by the things that satisfy God's Spirit.

If we are not growing, we are dying.

Illus: Why is there a Cost of Living Increase?

Because last years efforts will not keep pace with tomorrows challenges.

What will your Prayer life be like in a year?

In what ways are you challenging yourself in prayer?

Will you be giving to Faith Promise Missions? (expl)

Will you be targeting people for Salvation?

Will you be asking for something Big?

Why Not?

Will the Amount of Effort it will take to grow cause us to repeat last year?

Last years Efforts will not keep pace with tomorrows challenges.

2. Family Vision –

Where do you see your family a year from now?

Every year their seems to be some New attack on our families. The Problem is

(Lk 6:39) *The Blind can't lead the Blind!*

Will you all be more faithful?

Will you all be involved in serving?

Will you all be having personal devotions?

Will the amount of spiritual effort it will take to grow your families walk with God, cause you to repeat last year?

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3. Church Vision

Where do you see the FBCK a year from now?

5 years from now? 10 years from now?

Would you be happy is it stayed the same?

If we are not growing, we are dying.

Will the amount of Effort & Sacrifice needed to grow discourage us to where we repeat another year, or worse go backward a year, or 2, or 5?

FBCK needs to be more than just a place WE attend!

Where will FBCK be 2018 if we repeat 2017?

Where will FBCK be in 5 years? 10 years?

If all we do is repeat the last 5 years? or 10 years?

Are we afraid of the Future?

Or do we see it is full of promise & Excitement?

(2 Pet 1:1) *Simon Peter, a servant [AND an apostle of Jesus Christ], to them that have obtained like precious faith*

SERVANT of JESUS 1st, Vocation 2nd.

(2 Pet 1:4-9) If we don't do these things we are blind!

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This isn't JUST a place I serve?

This isn't JUST a place where I get paid?

This is my LIFE'S work?

I walked away from a lucrative IT career.

I walked away from a Successful Sales career.

The service of Jesus Christ is NOT something I can walk away from, because it is WHO I am.

Is It WHO you ARE?

I have been at the bedsides of many people as they approached their graduation to Glory.

Age/Illness have cause them to walk away from their life's work.

The person who sits in there chair/office has no understanding of the effort/time/concern they put in.

Take Someone With You Into The Future

WE, who know the way, Should be going the way,
& showing the way.

WE, need to have a burden on our heart & a
compass in our head.

Together you can strengthen one another and not
be dead weight.

A vision without a task is a dream;

A task without a vision is drudgery;