

The Power of Vision



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“But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.”

- Isaiah 40:31

Question:

What qualified Isaiah to be able to make the above statement? (Ref. Isaiah 6: 1-8)



What is Vision?

"Vision for ministry is a clear mental image of a preferable future imparted by God to His chosen servants and is based on an accurate understanding of God, self and circumstances."

(George Barna, *The Power of Vision*, 1992, 28).



Genesis 12:1-7:

1: Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee:

2: And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing:

3: And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

4: So Abram departed, as the LORD had spoken unto him; and Lot went with him: and Abram was seventy and five years old when he departed out of Haran.



Components of Vision:

- **A Clear Mental image**
- **Preferable Change**
- **A Future Focus**
- **Imparted by God**
- **A Chosen Leader**
- **Comprehending God**
- **Know Thyself**
- **Understanding your Circumstances**



What is the Source of Vision?

"...true vision is imparted by God to His chosen people to better enable them to know His mind and to do His will."

(George Barna, *The Power of Vision*, 1992, 12)

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chosen people..."**

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Therefore...



**True godly vision is not man's idea.
It is God's...**

**“Except the LORD build the house, they labour in
vain that build it: except the LORD keep the city, the
watchman waketh but in vain.”**

-Psalm 127:1



“Vision launches us into purpose. It gives us the ability to focus on God’s intent for our lives, as well as allowing us to say no to opportunities.”

George Barna, *The Power of Vision*, 1992, 12



- * "Our vision shapes us.
- * Our vision controls.
- Our vision determines who and what we become.
- * ...vision shapes our leadership."

(Glen Martin & Gary McIntosh, The Issachar Factor, 1993, 57-58)

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“Vision is foresight with insight based on hindsight.”

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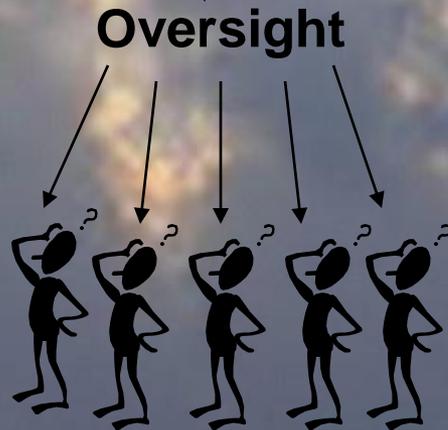
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Ephesians 4:11-13-

11: And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

12: For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

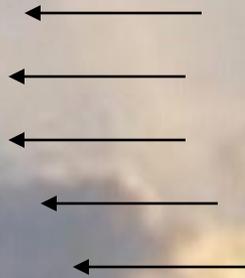
13: Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

**Bondage to the past leads
to loss (lack) of vision**

Ref. 2 Peter 1:4-8

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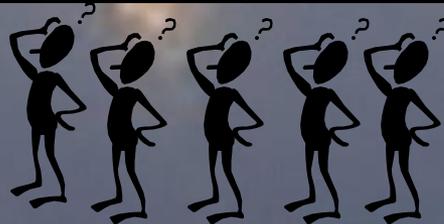


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Blindness (*Luke 6:39*)





Vision Is Only Effective When One's Eye Is Single

Matt. 6:22-24

22: The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light.

23: But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness!

24: No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

“A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.”- James 1:8



In order to impart vision, you must surround yourself with people who can see.

1 Kings 6:15-17

15 And when the servant of the man of God was risen early, and gone forth, behold, an host compassed the city both with horses and chariots. And his servant said unto him, Alas, my master! how shall we do?

16 And he answered, Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them.

17 And Elisha prayed, and said, Lord, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the Lord opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha.



"There is no such thing as a leader who has no vision." -John Maxwell

Recovering Your Vision



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What David Had To Do To Recover His Vision (*1 Samuel 30*):

- **Avoid discouragement (especially before the people). (vs. 6)**
- **Ignore Criticism. (vs. 6)**
- **Seek God with a mind to hear and obey. (vs. 8-9)**
- **Commit to worship and prayer. (vs. 7-8)**
- **Engage the enemy. (vs. 17)**