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I am the new year
I am an unspoiled page in your book of time.
I am your next chance at the art of living.
I am your opportunity to practice what you've learned during
the last twelve months.
All that you sought for and didn't find is hidden in me,
waiting for you to search again — but with greater
determination.
All that you dreamed of but didn't dare do, all that you
hoped for but did not will, all the faith that you claimed but
did not have — these slumber lightly, waiting to be
awakened by the touch of a strong purpose.
I am your opportunity to renew your allegiance to Him who
said, "Behold, I make all things new."

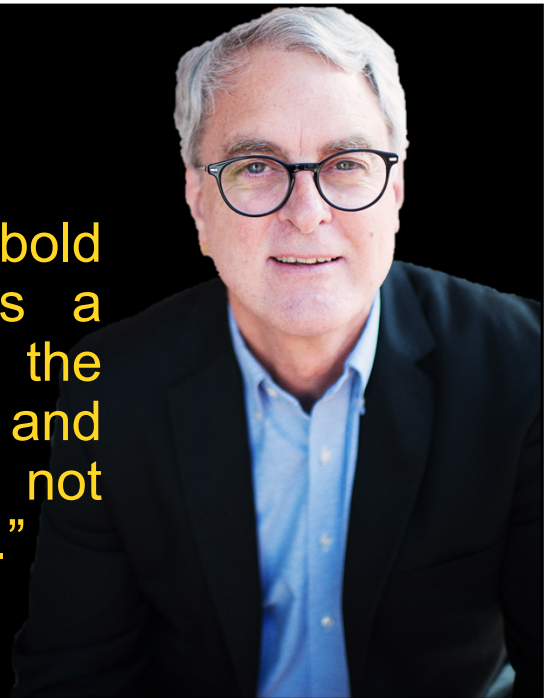
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Prov 29:18 Where there is no revelation [vision, KJV], the people cast off restraint; but happy is he who keeps the law.

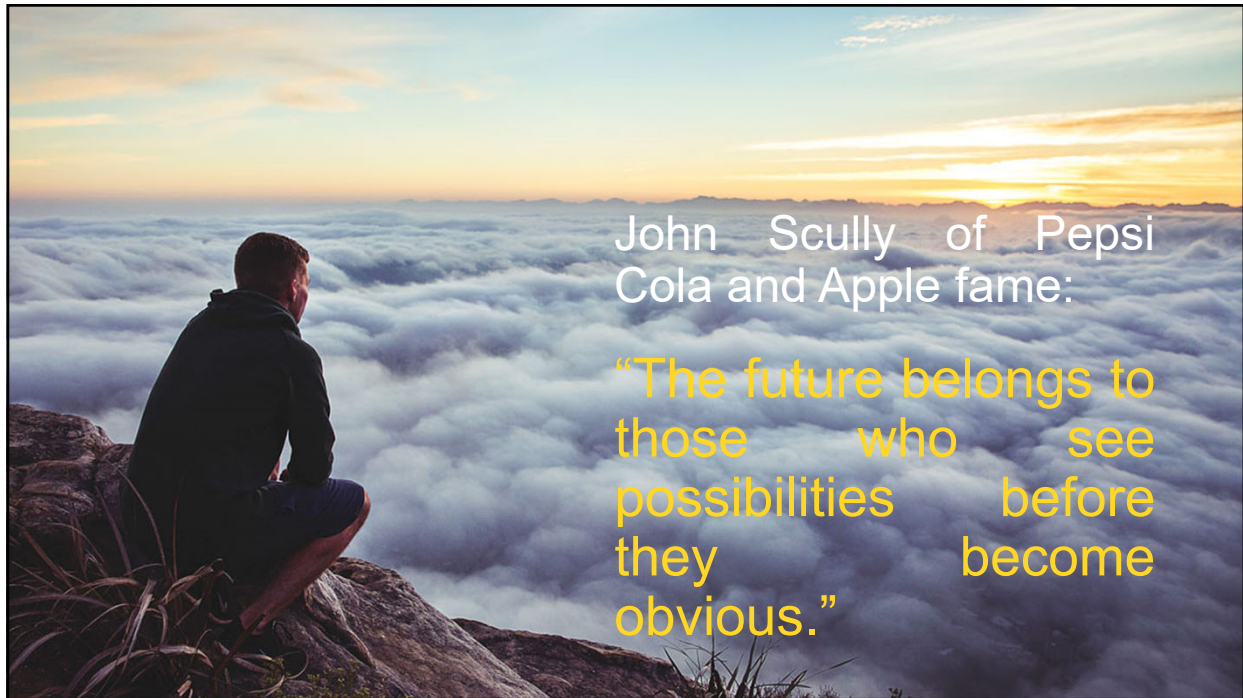
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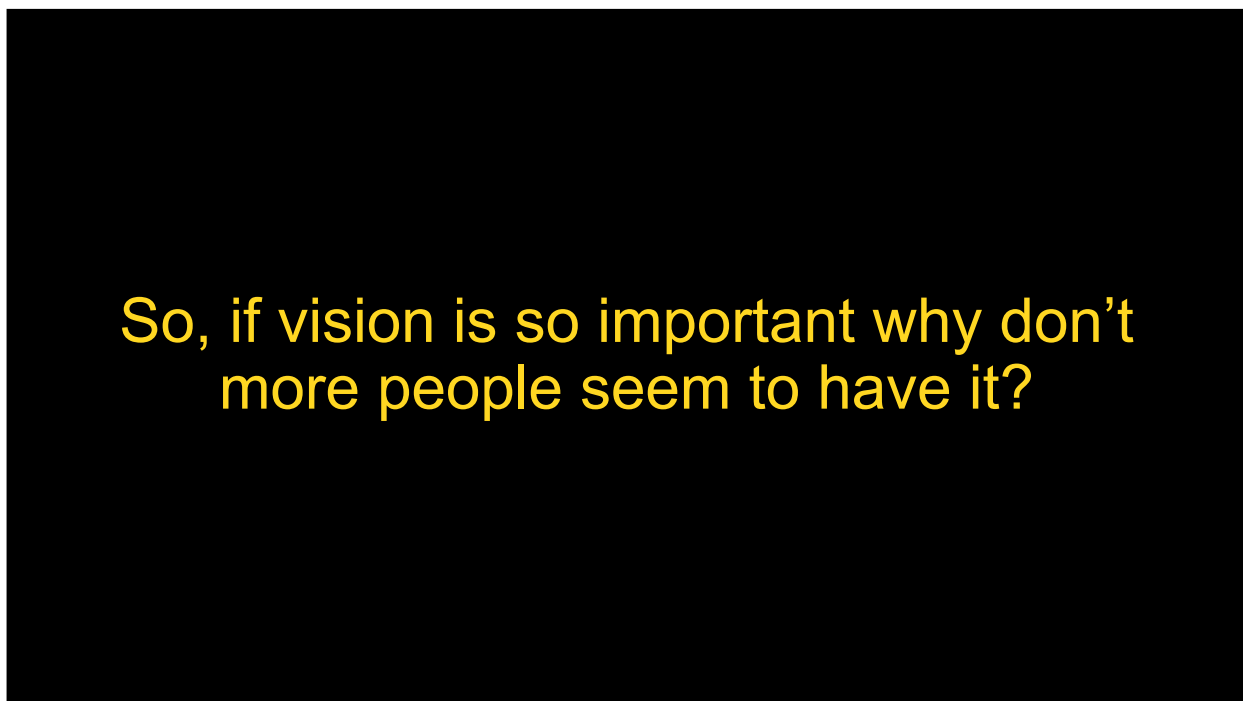
“Vision becomes a bold reason for living. It is a badge of purpose that the bearer wears proudly and courageously. Vision is not vision if it is not inspiring.”



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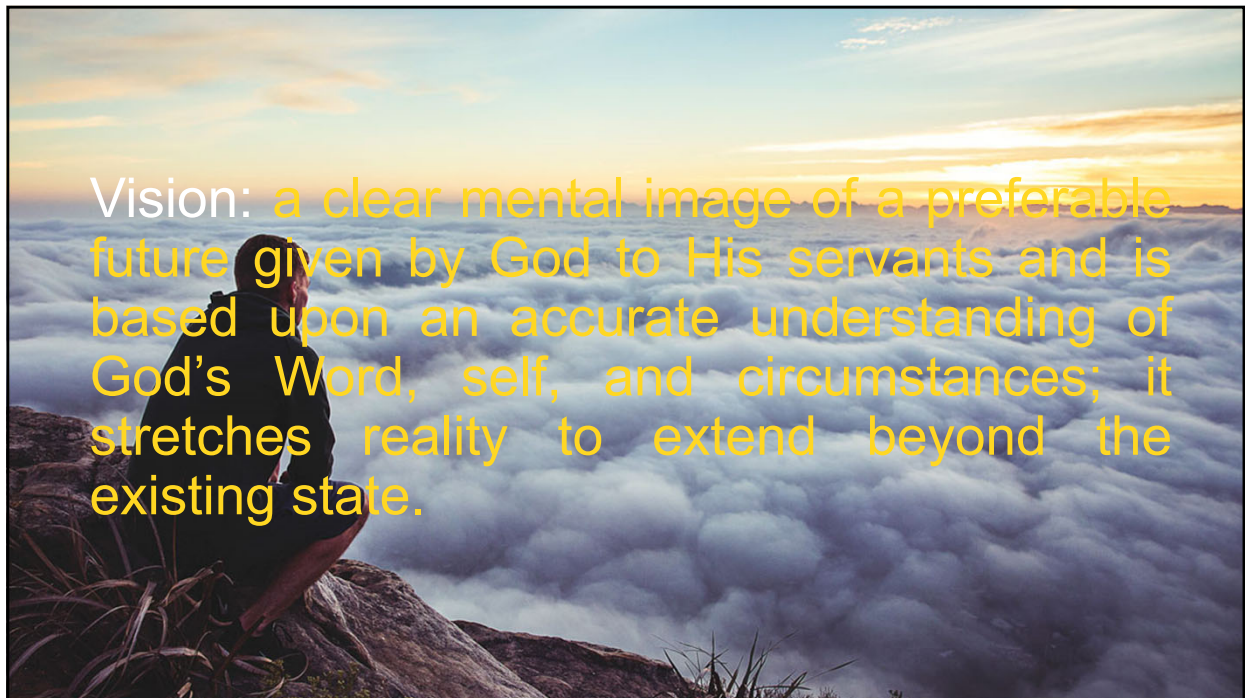
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Maybe it's as simple as they just don't
have a good, working definition of what
vision really is.

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- Vision is dreaming the most **POSSIBLE** dream.
- Vision stretches reality to extend beyond the **EXISTING STATE**.
- Vision creates a goal that is **INSPIRING**.
- Vision from God is achieved **through** us, but is not **focused** us.

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2 Cor 5:7 “For we walk by faith, not by sight.”

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Acts 16:9-11 And a vision appeared to Paul in the night. A man of Macedonia stood and pleaded with him, saying, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.” ¹⁰Now after he had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go to Macedonia, concluding that the Lord had called us to preach the gospel to them. ¹¹Therefore, sailing from Troas, we ran a straight course to Samothrace, and the next day came to Neapolis,

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1. Forget the past

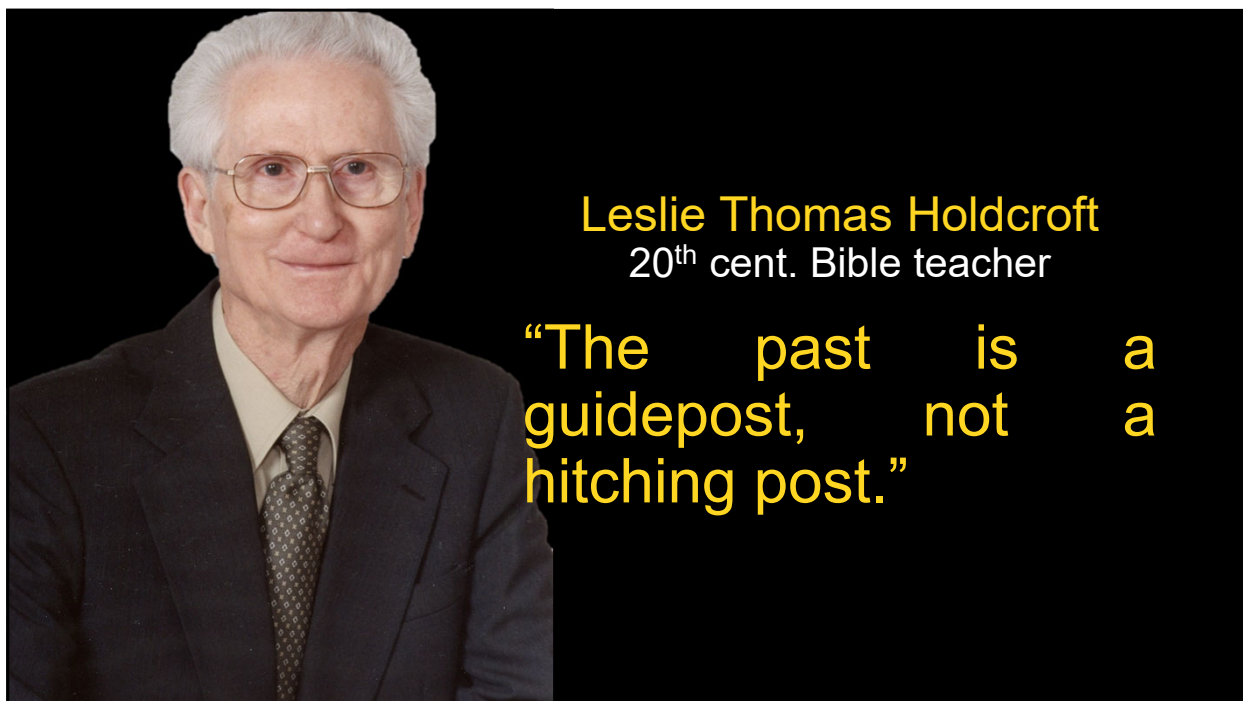
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“Don't let yesterday use up too much of
today.” Cherokee Indian Proverb

“Where you come from is not nearly as
important as where you are going.”

Anonymous

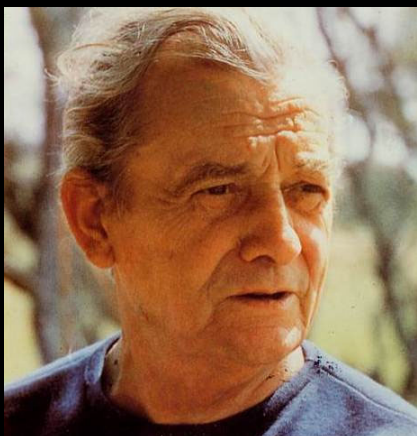
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Leslie Thomas Holdcroft
20th cent. Bible teacher

“The past is a
guidepost, not a
hitching post.”

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Marcel Pagnol, French author

“The reason people find it so hard to be happy is that they always see the past better than it was, the present worse than it is, and the future less resolved than it will be.”

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2. Focus on the future

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3. Follow the call

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Eph 4:1 I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called,

2 Tim 1:9 who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began,

Heb 3:1 Therefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, ...

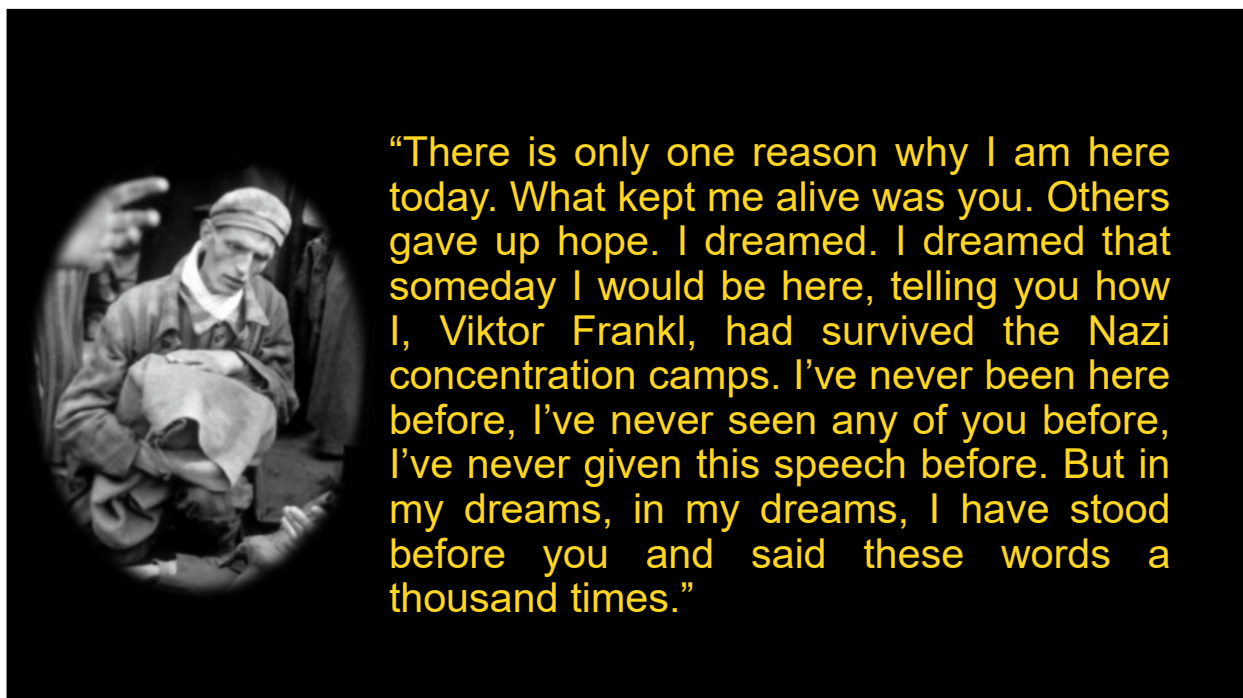
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2 Pet 1:10 Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your calling and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble;

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