



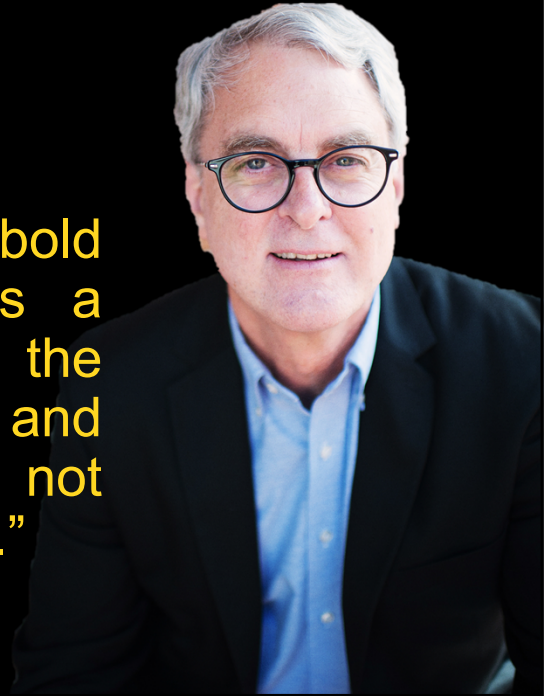
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Prov 29:18 Where there is no revelation [vision, KJV], the people cast off restraint; but happy is he who keeps the law.

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George Barna:

“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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John Scully of Pepsi Cola and Apple fame:

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



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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**.

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Phil 3:13-14 but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, ¹⁴I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

- **Forget the past**
- **Focus on the future**
- **Follow the call**

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“Worse than being
blind is to have
sight and no vision.”

Helen Keller

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- It's okay for a Christian to think.
- Spiritual doesn't mean against reason.
- Planning does not indicate a lack of faith.
- Most people don't plan to fail – they simply don't plan.

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Jer 23:16 They speak a vision of their own heart,
not from the mouth of the Lord.

Lam 2:9 And her prophets find no vision from the
Lord.

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Acts 10:9-20 The next day, as they went on their journey
and drew near the city, Peter went up on the housetop to
pray, about the sixth hour. ¹⁰Then he became very hungry
and wanted to eat; but while they made ready, he fell into
a trance ¹¹and saw heaven opened and an object like a
great sheet bound at the four corners, descending to him
and let down to the earth. ¹²In it were all kinds of four-
footed animals of the earth, wild beasts, creeping things,
and birds of the air.

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¹³And a voice came to him, "Rise, Peter; kill and eat."
¹⁴But Peter said, "Not so, Lord! For I have never eaten anything common or unclean." ¹⁵And a voice spoke to him again the second time, "What God has cleansed you must not call common." ¹⁶This was done three times. And the object was taken up into heaven again. ¹⁷Now while Peter wondered within himself what this vision which he had seen meant, behold, the men who had been sent from Cornelius had made inquiry for Simon's house, and stood before the gate.

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¹⁸And they called and asked whether Simon, whose surname was Peter, was lodging there. ¹⁹While Peter thought about the vision, the Spirit said to him, "Behold, three men are seeking you. ²⁰Arise therefore, go down and go with them, doubting nothing; for I have sent them."

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**1. People are counting
on our vision**

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**2. Vision is a product
of prayer**

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Acts 10:4 And when he observed him, he was afraid, and said, "What is it, lord?" So he said to him, "Your prayers and your alms have come up for a memorial before God.

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5. Vision makes us meditate on the wonders of God

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Acts 10:17 Now while Peter wondered within himself what this vision which he had seen meant,

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6. Vision makes us alert to the working of God

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**7. Vision makes us
responsive to the will of God**

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Acts 10:23 Then he invited them in and lodged them. On the next day Peter went away with them, and some brethren from Joppa accompanied him.

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“Give me a stock clerk with a goal and I’ll give you a man who will make history. But give me a man without a goal and I’ll give you a stock clerk.” J. C. Penney



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The positive effects of goals:

- Goals unleash our potential
- Goals create activity
- Goals create excitement
- Goals prevent negativity/depression

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How to set goals:

- Seriously seek God
- Spell out what you need to do
- Write it down
- Put a date on it
- Identify the obstacles
- Identify the people you will need to work with
- Develop a plan of action

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Deut 29:4 Yet the Lord has not given you a heart to perceive and eyes to see and ears to hear, to this very day.

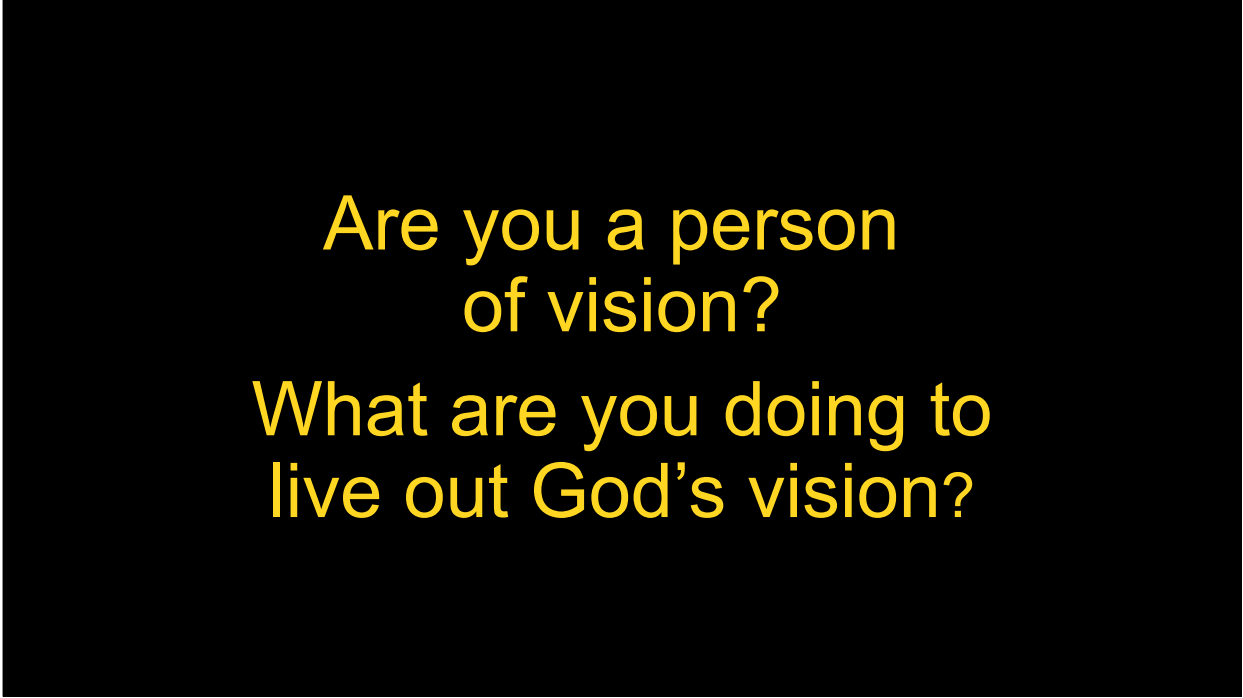
Ezk 12:2 “Son of man, you dwell in the midst of a rebellious house, which has eyes to see but does not see, and ears to hear but does not hear; for they are a rebellious house.”

Mt 13:13-17

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Mk 8:18 Having eyes, do you not see? And having ears, do you not hear? And do you not remember?

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Are you a person
of vision?
What are you doing to
live out God's vision?

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