

Vision

Vision is seeing by faith what God wants to do in your life. It is not only necessary to have a clear vision, but also to be able to communicate your vision to others so that they can catch a vision themselves.

This study will help you:

- I. Understanding God's purpose for your life (the vision).
- II. Overcome barriers to accomplishing the vision.
- III. Developing your vision.
- IV. Apply and communicate the vision.

I. UNDERSTANDING GOD'S PURPOSE (the Vision)

A. What do the following verses reveal about God's purpose for your life?

1. John 17: 3
2. Matt.28:19-20
3. Matt.4:19
4. Isaiah43:7

B. How did these men glorify God?

1. John 17: 4
2. 2 Timothy 4: 7-8

C. State your definition of what it means to glorify God.

D. How does glorifying God relate to God's purpose for you?

E. Summarize in your own words what the vision is that God has for every Christian and how a person fulfills that vision.

II. OVERCOMING BARRIERS

Too many times Christians do not accomplish God's vision for their life because barriers are not dealt with. The following are major barriers that must be overcome to be apart of accomplishing God's vision.

III. DEVELOPING YOUR VISION

The vision is God's call to every person to make disciples (Matt.28: 19-20). **Your vision** is specifically the who and the where of fulfilling your purpose. (Note: you need to have a short term vision of how you want God to use you in your immediate sphere of influence, as well as a long term vision of how you want God to use you throughout your lifetime).

A. Look up the following verses to discover what God says about your vision.

1. Jeremiah29:11-13
2. Psalms139:13-16
3. Jeremiah33:2-3

B. Your vision should contain the following ingredients.

1. **Faith** – Trust God to do something consistent with His character. Base your vision on His character and promises, not on your abilities or confidence. (Hebrews 11:1,6)
2. **Obedience** – Prepare yourself for what God has planned for you by being faithful to all you know to obey (Luke 16:10). As you grow in your obedience and training, God will increase your understanding of your vision.
3. **Training** – Put yourself in a position to be trained further in how to accomplish God's vision for your life (2Timothy 2:2). Do not expect someone else to be responsible for you, but take personal responsibility for your training.
4. **Strategy** – Take time to draw out a specific plan of how God wants to use you. Identify what you want Him to accomplish and what you must do.

C. Write out a short term vision of what you want God to accomplish through your life this year by answering the following questions:

1. What am I trusting God to do?
2. What must I obey to prepare myself for this?
3. What further training do I need this year?
4. What will my strategy be?