

Catch GOD'S VISION for you

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Whether you are 19 or 91, God has a vision for your life. Maybe you think, “I’m not intelligent—talented—good looking—spiritual enough to be used by God.” You may have believed that for years. If so, this is the perfect time to examine the old evidence with a fresh eye. See your identity—God’s way. His Word will never agree with a negative view of your potential.

Instead, the Word says:

“...I know the thoughts that I think toward you,’ says the LORD, ‘thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope’” (Jeremiah 29:11 NKJ).

Ask the Holy Spirit to show you God’s wonderful plan for your future, and don’t become discouraged if the vision isn’t instantly revealed. God’s timing is rarely our timing but always perfect. Wait on Him! His vision will give you direction. Knowing where you’re supposed to go and what you’re supposed to do will give you confidence and strength to keep pursuing the goal. On the other hand, *“where there is no revelation, the people cast off restraint;”* (Proverbs 29:18 NKJ).

FAITH BUILDERS

People often ask me why some Christians have an easier time obeying God than others. People who have a vision from God in their hearts have the faith they need to do whatever God wants them to do because vision produces faith.

When you catch hold of God’s vision, the word quit is erased from your vocabulary. It becomes easier to see success ahead and believe, “This dream is coming to pass because God gave it to me!”

An old adage says, “winners never quit and quitters never win.” Read Hebrews 11, and you’ll read about those who won God’s way. Imagine how hard it must have been for Noah to spend 100 years explaining his emergency boat-building to a world full of people who had never even seen a flood—or rain, for that matter! After ten decades of persecution, Noah continued to obey God.

YOUR FUTURE IS IN HIS HANDS

Noah kept building, praying, preaching, and believing! Noah caught God’s vision. His faith survived and surpassed the trials he faced.

There may be times in your life when your vision is under attack. Your vision might even seem to die. Abraham and Sarah felt that way when they were past ninety years of age and still without their promised son. There must have been days when they were sure it was just too late for them to start a family. In reality it was too late for them—but when it was too late for them, God took over, and life was created supernaturally!

PRAY AND OBEY

Focus on God because real vision comes from Him. Your part is to pray and obey. He will bring the results. Allow God to fulfill the vision. If you try to “help” Him and force your timing, you could miss out on the best of His blessings and miracles.

Prayer keeps us on track and changes us as it brings our circumstances in line with God’s plan.

Please pray with me:

Dear heavenly Father, I ask You to clear my mind of earthly desires and free my heart of worldly weights. Holy Spirit, please show me Your visions for my future, and help me to follow through in prayer and obedience. Thank You, Lord, for the peaceful, joyful, expected end that You have for me, in Jesus’s name. Amen!

When you follow God, your life won’t be harried and frustrated—it will be happy and fulfilled. Trust in Him. Delight in His plans and goals for you, and He will give you the desire of your heart! (See Psalm 37:4).