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VISION is VITAL!

Habakkuk 2:1-3 KJV
[1] I will stand upon my watch, and set me upon the tower, and will watch to see what he will say unto me, and what I shall answer when I am reproved
[2] And the Lord answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it.
[3] For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry.

God is the SAME - HE does NOT change!
Mal 3:6 (NASB) "For I, the LORD, do not change…

So the need for Biblical Vision is the SAME today as it was.

I want to talk about Vision today. Not only do we need a Vision for our organization but you need one for yourself, family, finances, business, etc.

Don't settle for where you are or for the way things are. If Jesus is your Lord then you are destined for "Greater Things". You are destined for awesome things!

DON'T LET hurt or unmet expectations keep you from your DESTINY!

Get Started TODAY With Vision!

Any BIG vision almost always starts at small beginnings!
& That's OK!

Zechariah 4:10 (NLT) Do not despise these small beginnings, for the LORD rejoices to see the work begin...

The Lord said to me: "I like to do BIG things in small places!"

"You've got to think about big things while you're doing small things so that all the small things go in the right direction." -Alvin Toffler

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Godly Vision Always Looks Higher & Greater!

- 1 John 4 says: You have overcome because Greater is He that is in you than he that is in the world.
- Jeremiah 29 God said: I have plans (vision) for you. Plans to prosper you and give you "hope for the future".
- Jeremiah 1:5 God said - Before you were born I knew you and had holy plans for you.
- Joshua 1:8 - God told Joshua he could be prosperous and have good success.
- Jesus said some things are impossible for man But All Things Are Possible With God

We dwell in matter, space and time.
God is not material-He doesn't dwell in matter. God is not spatial-He doesn't dwell in space. God is not temporal-He doesn't dwell in time.

God dwells in Vision!

That's why…
VISION IS VITAL

George Barna says Vision Is:

- Foresight with Insight based on Hindsight
  - A Bridge from your Present to your Future
- Seeing Invisible and making it Visible
- Vital - Necessary to the existence, continuance, or wellbeing of something.
- Of or pertaining to life.

Helen Keller - The Only Thing Worse Than Being Blind Is "Having Sight But No Vision"

SIGHT vs VISION
- Sight sees in the present. Vision sees in the future.
- Sight can see for miles. Vision can see for years.
- Sight sees Giants Vision sees Promise.
- Sight sees walls Vision sees walk
- Sight sees lions Vision sees a pillow.
- Sight sees Red Sea Vision sees Dry Ground
- Sight sees empty vessels Vision sees oil
- Sight sees vessels of water Vision sees vessels of provision
- Sight sees 5 loaves & 2 fish Vision sees dinner for 15,000
- Sight sees a tomb Vision sees Resurrection!

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9 Steps To Turn Vision Into Fruit:

1. Believe to receive a BIG vision
    - Stretch your eyes
    - If it's not bigger than you it's not God
2. Do a Walk about- Pray out the mysteries
3. Hunger & Humility filled & grace- Matt 5, James 4, Phil 2
4. Confess
5. Instruction, correction & redirection
6. Obedient Actions in complete rest
    - Don't get weary- right things for a long time
    - Don't get stagnant
    - Keep forward momentum
7. Fully persuaded
8. Avoid presumption, even after beginning
9. Be willing to hand it over

Five Aspects of Biblical Vision

5 Aspects in this Picture:
Psalms 92:12-13 (NASB) The righteous man will flourish like the palm tree, He will grow like a cedar in Lebanon. 13 Planted in the house of the LORD, They will flourish in the courts of our God.

1. Biblical Vision is usually given to one individual. (Psa 92: Farmer)

- Noah, Moses, Abraham, David, Nehemiah, Gideon, Jesus, Peter, Paul, Pastor

"A great leader's courage to fulfill his vision comes from passion, not position." John Maxwell

2. Biblical Vision requires a Team (Psa 92: Plantings/People)

- Moses - Aaron, Hur, Joshua, Caleb
- Abraham - Isaac, Jacob
- David - Three mighty men - 2 Samuel 23
    - WHAT Made Them Mighty?
    - Adino - Slew 800 at one time
    - Eleazar - Fought even though he was weary, His hand clave to his sword
    - Shammah - Stood his ground and said this might just be a bean patch but it's mine and you can't have it.
    - They then fought through the host to fulfill the desire of the heart of David.
    - When David poured the offering out, they weren't offended!

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- Jesus - Peter, James, John, 9 Others
- Paul - Silas, Barnabas, Timothy
- Pastor - Staff & Volunteers

Acts 16:10 (NASB) When he had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

You don't recruit out of need.
You recruit out of vision!

"If you want to build a ship, don't drum up the men to gather wood, divide the work, and give orders. Instead, teach them to yearn for the vast and endless sea."
— Often attributed to Antoine de Saint-Exupéry

A Beautiful Translation from a writing: "Citadelle" by Antoine de Saint-Exupéry:
One will weave the canvas; another will fell a tree by the light of his ax. Yet another will forge nails, and there will be others who observe the stars to learn how to navigate. And yet all will be as one. Building a boat isn't about weaving canvas, forging nails, or reading the sky. It's about giving a shared taste for the sea, by the light of which you will see nothing contradictory but rather a community of love.

3. Biblical Vision Involves Risk (Psa 92: Death to self: John 12:24)

- Vision gives pain a purpose. Joseph, Jesus, Paul
- Those without vision spend their lives taking the path of least resistance as they try to avoid discomfort.
- Noah building Ark when it had never rained
- Abraham leaving Father, Family, Familiarity
- Gideon facing enemy with a trumpet, lantern and shout.
- Disciples walking away from harvest
- Jesus leaving heaven for earth and cross
- Pastor leaving business world for ministry
- Well my leader/pastor may miss it & fall

John 12:24 (NASB) "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.

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4. Biblical Vision Demands Involvement (Psa 92: Growth/Fruit)

“Vision without execution is hallucination.” Thomas Edison

“The vision must be followed by the venture. It is not enough to stare up the steps – we must step up the stairs.” Vance Havner

- Habakkuk said write the vision so they that read it may run with it.
- Run = Strong Tower (Prov 18:10) - When you run with a Biblical Vision it becomes a "Strong Tower" for you and your family.
- 12, 70, 120 now each of us.

5. Biblical Vision Involves Shared Blessings (Psa 92: Flourishing/Rewards)

- Fruit Remains - 2000 years later we are still a Part of the Kingdom.

Psalms 92:13-14 (NASB) Planted in the house of the LORD, They will flourish in the courts of our God. 14 They will still yield fruit in old age; They shall be full of sap and very green,

To Fulfill Vision, We Communicate Vision
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Amo 3:3 (KJV) Can two walk together, except they be agreed?

Gen 13:2, 14-17 (NASB) Now Abram was very rich in livestock, in silver and in gold.
14 The LORD said to Abram, after Lot had separated from him, "Now lift up your eyes and look from the place where you are, northward and southward and eastward and westward;
15 for all the land which you see, I will give it to you and to your descendants forever.
16 "I will make your descendants as the dust of the earth, so that if anyone can number the dust of the earth, then your descendants can also be numbered.
17 "Arise, walk about the land through its length and breadth; for I will give it to you."

(ARISE, DON’T SIT BACK ON THE VISION, AND LOOK INTO IT & TAKE IT!)

NOTICE that Abram was very rich BEFORE God gave him NEW vision!!

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