

“Leading With Vision”

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Vision Comes as a Blessing from God

Prov. 29:18 Without vision [revelation] the people are unrestrained, happy is he who keeps the law.

1. Without vision or revelation from God, people are abandoned to their own vision when determining direction in life.
2. So that helps us to see a couple of the blessings of revelation or vision:
 - A. Security
 - B. Direction
3. The implication in this verse is that God’s people ought to be distinguished from those in the world.

Two Perspectives of Vision

God’s Vision: an idea or perspective of heart which influences every decision and action toward His creation.

Man’s Vision: It is that filter through which one views life, God, relationships, and circumstances. It may also be thought of as a goal or purpose and therefore it influences every decision and action.

God’s Vision

1. Purpose provides vision, and the vision predetermines every act of God. Rom. 8:27-30; Eph. 1:5; Rom. 9:10-12; 17-24; 2 Tim. 1:9; Acts 4:27-30.
 - A. The principle of vision is discovered in the word "predestine".
 - B. An artist's vision of his work predetermines his actions. Eph. 2:10
2. God's vision for His people is to make them like Jesus Christ. Rom. 8:29-30
 - A. This influences every decision and action by God toward His people.
 - B. It is that filter through which He views His people.

C. The vision is predetermined by His purpose.

Man's Vision

1. Man's vision for himself is to be happy, feel comfortable, and serve himself.
Eccl. 3:22; Eph. 4:19
 - A. Without having a change of heart that comes with the new birth by God's Spirit, the heart of a man has one vision: his own happiness.
 - B. He is a user. He views everything from the perspective of what it does to him, takes away from him, or gives to him.
2. With such a vision he lives his life unrestrained by anything but his momentary lusts and desires.

The Root of All Conflict: Di-Vision

1. Conflict is what occurs when two people in any union or organization have different visions.
2. The primary source of conflict we experience is di-vision with God.
 - A. When we live with a vision of making ourselves happy and comfortable, we are in "division" (two-visions) with God and His Son. Heb. 7:25; Rom. 8:27-30.
 - B. How does God expose and reveal these things? Cup illustration.
 1. Through relationships.
 2. Through situations.
3. A secondary source of conflict we experience is in di-vision with another person.
 - A. It occurs when their purpose or goal is different from yours.
 - B. It occurs when jurisdictional principles are ignored or not known.

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