

The Ways of Wisdom The Wisdom of Vision

Proverbs 29:18

Where there is no revelation, the people cast off restraint; but happy is he who keeps the law.

Genesis 1:1-4

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw the light, that it was good; and God divided the light from the darkness.

Genesis 1:26-28

Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.

Isaiah 46:9-10

"Remember the former things of old, for I *am* God, and *there is* no other; I *am* God, and *there is* none like Me, declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times *things* that are not *yet* done, saying, 'My counsel shall stand, and I will do all My pleasure,'

Proverbs 8:1-4

Does not wisdom cry out, and understanding lift up her voice? She takes her stand on the top of the high hill, beside the way, where the paths meet. She cries out by the gates, at the entry of the city, at the entrance of the doors: "To you, O men, I call, and my voice is to the sons of men.

Proverbs 8:22-36

The LORD possessed me at the beginning of His way, before His works of old. I have been established from everlasting, from the beginning, before there was ever an earth. When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no fountains abounding with water. Before the mountains were settled, before the hills, I was brought forth; while as yet He had not made the earth or the fields, or the primeval dust of the world. When He prepared the heavens, I was there, when He drew a circle on the face of the deep, when He established the clouds above, when He strengthened the fountains of the deep, when He assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters would

not transgress His command, when He marked out the foundations of the earth, then I was beside Him as a master craftsman; and I was daily His delight, rejoicing always before Him, rejoicing in His inhabited world, and my delight was with the sons of men. "Now therefore, listen to me, my children, for blessed are those who keep my ways. Hear instruction and be wise, and do not disdain it. Blessed is the man who listens to me, watching daily at my gates, waiting at the posts of my doors. For whoever finds me finds life, and obtains favor from the LORD; but he who sins against me wrongs his own soul; all those who hate me love death.

Acts 2:15-18

For these are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. But this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: 'And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, that I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your young men shall see visions, your old men shall dream dreams. And on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days; and they shall prophesy.

John 5:19-20

Then Jesus answered and said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner. For the Father loves the Son, and shows Him all things that He Himself does; and He will show Him greater works than these, that you may marvel.

The Five Virtues of Vision

1. **Clarity** - A clear understanding of God's will in every area – now and in the future. You live your life on purpose and with confidence.
2. **Energy** – passion, excitement

Habakkuk 2:2

Then the LORD answered me and said: "Write the vision and make it plain on tablets, that he may run who reads it.

3. **Purity** - "restraint" = pure and purposeful life vs. "cast off restraint" = impure and rebellious
4. **Unity** - Without vision, you cannot unify a married couple, a family, a church, a business, a nation, or any group of people to accomplish a common purpose.

Acts 4:32a

Now the multitude of those who believed were of one heart and one soul...

5. **Victory** - "...happy is he who keeps the law."

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How to Get Vision

1. Get it FIRST

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Matthew 6:33

But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

2. Get it by FAITH

James 1:5-8

If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

Hebrews 11:6

We must have faith that God is a good God and a loving Father who is with us and desires to guide us through life. Without that type of faith we simply will not be able to receive God's vision and we'll become double-minded and unstable.

3. Get it FROM THE HOLY SPIRIT

John 16:13

However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.

Different Ways We Sense Vision

Seers – Hearers - Feelers

Different Sources of Vision

- Spiritual Impartation
- Scripture
- Successful people
- Scars

4. Get it WRITTEN DOWN AND IN FRONT OF YOU

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