

Skegness Community Church - Weekly Bible Study 2025

52 passages of Scripture that every believer should know

Week 16 VISION IS VITAL

Proverbs 29: 18

**“Where there is no revelation the people cast off restraint
but blessed is he who keeps the law”**

Vision is vital to Christian living. Those who have no vision, no perception of what they could be, seem to have no real direction in their Christian pilgrimage. Too many Christians are just going to meetings, following schedules, simply existing - and something is missing. Vision, a perception of what God wants us to be and to do, is vital. When a believer discovers God's vision for life, that vision will do five things.

VISION BRINGS DEFINITION

When we truly capture the vision of what God wants us to be and to do, that vision serves to define our task. Many go so far as to formulate a one-sentence vision statement for their lives. This becomes the lens through which they view their choices and make their decisions. Churches too need vision statements. I would suggest that the greatest vision we can have both personally and as a Church is that we make a **“great commitment to the Great Commandment and the Great Commission”** Of course the great commandment is to, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind” (Matthew 22:37). And the great commission is to “Go and make disciples of all nations” (Matthew 28:19). This is a reminder that if something does not lend itself to loving God, loving others, and leading men and women to saving faith in Jesus Christ, it should not make our priority list. Vision brings definition, it defines our decisions.

VISION BRINGS DESIGN

The first step of a vision takes place when a seed of what God wants us to be is planted in our hearts. Then we think about it, and pray over it for a period of time. Then the vision is born and is out there for all to see. Vision bring design to life.

VISION BRINGS DYNAMIC

Not much really happens without a vision. Dynamics and motivation are lacking. Nothing was happening in Jerusalem until Nehemiah's vision took on definition. Then it brought a new dynamic as he returned to become the rebuilder of the broken walls. Vision is what brings a dynamic and a sense of conquest to our work and witness as believers..

VISION BRINGS DIRECTION

One of the most important things a personal vision can bring is direction to our lives. “Where are you headed?” Is a valid question. When a personal vision is guiding our lives, bringing a new sense of dynamic, it will bring a new sense of purpose and direction.

VISION BRINGS DEPENDENCE

One of the spiritually beneficial things that vision brings to a life is a new sense of dependence upon the Lord. Visions should be so God-sized that there is no way for them to be accomplished unless God intervenes. The Lord doesn't see us for what we are now. When He first met Simon peter, He saw the fisherman as a small pebble. However, Jesus then said that Peter would become a great rock. It was an effective play on words. Christ saw the potential that was within Peter. God sees us not so much for what we are now but for what we could be -if, that is, we receive a vision from Him for the work at hand. Vision brings definition, dynamic, direction, and dependence. **“Where there is no revelation (no vision of what God wants us to be and to do) the people cast off restraint (they go back).”**

As you memorise this verse this week, meditate on the fact that the birth of a vision does not just happen. It must be conceived in the secret place alone with God, then prayed over and contemplated upon - until it is birthed. Where there is no vision, the people perish. Develop your own vision of what God wants you to be and to do. It will begin when it is conceived in the secret place with Him. Then, after a period of spiritual gestation, it will be birthed.