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Visions Are Life Changing #6

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Pro 29:18 "Where there is no vision, the people *perish: but he that *keepeth the law, happy is he." KJV

*perish meaning they have passed to an inferior condition

*keeping the law is speaking of a principle of discipline or boundaries in our lives, people running wild or unrestrained

The vision is our road map and it keeps us on course, if we lose the vision that we once had or we do not have a vision or dream, there is no purpose for us to have boundaries in our lives or stay on course for the vision to come to pass. When we hear the word vision or dream it means how well do we see or how clear is it to us. The Holy Spirit wants to enable us to see with clarity, the God given dream or vision that is on the inside of us, the supernatural ability to be able to see clearly. When we can see clearly the end result, we know that there will be a reward.

There has to be motivation on our part because without a dream or vision of where we are going and being able to see the future or the end result, it will be hard to stay on track, we will not see the end that is planned for us. Abraham and Jacob had a picture of an end result to what had been promised, ie; the stars of heaven and the sand of the sea, God always kept something before them. (referring to previous teachings we have learned what the promises have been.)

Pro 24:14 "So shall the* knowledge of wisdom be unto thy soul: when thou hast found it, then there shall be a reward, and thy expectation shall not be cut off." KJV

*the knowledge of wisdom can be received from writing things down, as shown in Habakkuk

Hab 2:2-4 "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. 4 Behold, his soul which is lifted up is not upright in him: but the just shall live by his faith." KJV

When we begin to get knowledge of the ways of God, beginning to see what is on the inside is bigger than what is on the outside, it is only a matter of time before we begin to see the vision or dreams coming to pass. There is an appointed time for the fulfillment of the vision or dream. We cannot let intimidation cause us to not see the results of our dreams or vision. If we don't see ourselves standing in the winners

circle, don't give up on the dream or vision. When it becomes strong enough it will pull us in the direction of being a winner. There are two ways we can face life, we can face the future with expectation or we can face the future with worry or apprehension. When the dream that is on the inside of you, that you are an overcomer regardless of what happens and that you will prosper regardless of the economics in the world, God is going to take care of you, you can face the future, you are the winner.

Do you like your job? It is important that you do and if not find another job. You should be looking forward to the next day, you are waiting for it, you just know that something good is going to happen, you are laying a foundation for the future because in the past you were sowing for your future. Usually most people look forward to what the future holds, what is God going to do today? Who will be helped today?

How do we get over there to the plan? we have something that we have to do, we can't just set down and wait for something to happen. There is an appointed time for the fulfillment of the plan that God has for us. Renewing our minds, getting knowledgeable about the subject that we are desiring, we have to work on ourselves, it is our reasonable service as mentioned in the following scripture.

Rom 12:1-2 "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. 2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God." KJV

We find that the same principles apply with corporate visions as to the individual visions, they are just on a greater level.

The Lord had spoken to Gideon regarding what the Lord wanted him to do, but He also gives him how it is to be accomplished. Gideon and his family are considered to be among the poorest, he has no leadership ability and there is fear among the people of Israel because of the surrounding armies that are continually harassing and stealing from them. Gideon questions the Lord regarding him being the one that will help to deliver Israel. The following scriptures tells the plight of the children of Israel and the things that they are facing. But the Lord convinces Gideon that he is the chosen one which is going to lead the people with God's help against their enemies. God takes Gideon step by step through what has to be done and what the outcome of the battles will be. Even though they were surrounded by a mighty army and the number of them was innumerable, with God leading Gideon and the children of Israel, they were able to overcome and conquer their enemies. He had started with 32,000 men but ended up using only 300, he followed the instructions that God had given him for the battle that was to be fought and Gideon and his men did exactly what God had told him. God told Gideon that He must receive the glory for this

victory. This is the power of corporate unity.

Judges 6:12-14 "And the angel of the Lord appeared unto him, and said unto him, The Lord is with thee, thou mighty man of valour. 13 And Gideon said unto him, Oh my Lord, if the Lord be with us, why then is all this befallen us? and where be all his miracles which our fathers told us of, saying, Did not the Lord bring us up from Egypt? but now the Lord hath forsaken us, and delivered us into the hands of the Midianites. 14 And the Lord looked upon him, and said, Go in this thy might, and thou shalt save Israel from the hand of the Midianites: have not I sent thee?" KJV

Judges 6:34 "But the *Spirit of the Lord clothed Gideon with Himself and took possession of him, and he blew a trumpet, and [the clan of] Abiezer was gathered to him." AMP

* Gideon had offered an offering and the Lord accepted the offering with a flame of fire which is usually how the people knew that the Lord had heard their prayers and would be with them Gideon chose to yield to the presence of God

More of the story of Gideon is found in chapter six and seven of Judges.

Judges 7:7:9 "And it came to pass the same night, that the Lord said unto him, Arise, get thee down unto the host; for I have delivered it into thine hand." KJV

Judges 7:11-22 "And thou shalt hear what they say; and afterward shall thine hands be strengthened to go down unto the host. Then went he down with Phurah his servant unto the outside of the armed men that were in the host. 12 And the Midianites and the Amalekites and all the children of the east lay along in the valley like grasshoppers for multitude; and their camels were without number, as the sand by the sea side for multitude. 13 And when Gideon was come, behold, there was a man that told a dream unto his fellow, and said, Behold, I dreamed a dream, and, lo, a cake of barley bread tumbled into the host of Midian, and came unto a tent, and smote it that it fell, and overturned it, that the tent lay along. 14 And his fellow answered and said, This is nothing else save the sword of Gideon the son of Joash, a man of Israel: for into his hand hath God delivered Midian, and all the host. 15 And it was so, when Gideon heard the telling of the dream, and the interpretation thereof, that he worshipped, and returned into the host of Israel, and said, Arise; for the Lord hath delivered into your hand the host of Midian. 16 And he divided the three hundred men into three companies, and he put a trumpet in every man's hand, with empty pitchers, and lamps within the pitchers. 17 And he said unto them, Look on me, and do likewise: and, behold, when I come to the outside of the camp, it shall be that, as I do, so shall ye do. 18 When I blow with a trumpet, I and all that are with me, then blow ye the trumpets also on every side of all the camp, and say, The sword of the Lord, and of Gideon. 19 So Gideon, and the hundred men that were with him, came unto the outside of the camp in the beginning of the middle watch; and they had but newly set the watch: and they blew the trumpets, and brake the pitchers that were in their hands. 20 And the three companies blew the trumpets, and brake the pitchers, and held the lamps in their left hands, and the trumpets in their right hands to blow withal: and they cried, The sword of the Lord, and of Gideon. 21 And they stood every man in his place round about the camp; and all the host ran, and cried, and fled. 22 And the three hundred blew the trumpets, and the Lord set every man's sword against his fellow, even throughout all the host: and the host fled to Bethshittah in Zererath, and to the border of Abelmeholah, unto Tabbath." KJV

Have you ever had someone tell you "that this just the way that I am"? God gives us different gifts and sometimes those gifts can be a little harsh unless we are bathed in the love of God. This is just an excuse that we sometimes use not realizing that it is

something that comes from our past, however, the enemy will use it against us.

When God calls us with a dream or vision and we begin to question will we be able to accomplish what He has said to us because we don't have the ability, we must know that God called us because it is beyond our ability, He has given us the plan. Wisdom and knowledge will not be cut off, but we must do our part, whatever you strive to do, don't do it on the worldly level, get the supernatural involved. We have an appointment, we hold the keys to whether we make it or not.