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Realizing Your Vision

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Let There Be ... Vision!

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Vision is the ability to see as God sees.

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Chazah

To see, to behold; to gaze; to contemplate; to provide; to select; to perceive (with intelligence).



God is calling us, not to simply look
with our eyes, but with the
engagement of our entire being.

Vision in the New Testament

Discernment, wisdom, and
understanding.

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Sunesis

Understanding; insight,
comprehension.

Synthesis

Running together; facts joined together for holistic understanding; connecting the dots.



Inductive reasoning is done WITH God.

Sunesis in the Bible


- Luke 2:47
- Ephesians 3:4
- Colossians 1:9

- Sunesis: spiritual understanding, wisdom, insight.
- Vision: making proper application of the specific things that God has shown to your present or future.



“Highly effective people have a habit of personal vision.”


Steven Covey




Personal vision is based on the principle that all things are created twice.

There is a mental (first) creation, and a physical (second) creation.

Steven Covey



Your vision was created, shaped, and formed by God and implanted within your heart and mind.



God desires for your vision to be
realized.



“Write down the revelation and make it plain on tablets so that a herald may run with it.”

Habakkuk 2:2


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Philippians 3:10-14

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To Know

- To recognize
- To perceive
- To realize
- To understand (through personal experience).




To realize our vision, humility is required.



Attaining your vision is a process.


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“God opposes the proud but shows favor
to the humble.”

Proverbs 3:34

To pursue, to endeavor to acquire, aggressively chase (like a hunter going after prey), seek after with haste, or overtake.




How badly do you want your vision to
come to pass?

- John 10:10, “The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy.”
- 1 Peter 5:8, “Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.”



Luke 4

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“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.”

Colossians 3:23-24



You must Press!

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Paul stayed focused.


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Paul worked vigorously to achieve his goal.

I press on means "to run" or "follow after."


It speaks of an aggressive, energetic
endeavor.

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- Mark 10:21
 - Luke 10:41-42
 - John 9:25
 - Psalm 27:4

One Thing


Choose what is most important and then focus singularly on that!

What is your 1 thing?



“For everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven.”

Ecclesiastes 3:1




“Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, 2 fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith.”

Hebrews 12:1-2

“Let your eyes look straight ahead; fix your gaze directly before you.”


Proverbs 4:25-27




When we focus on our vision,
we are giving our full attention
to achieving THAT for this
season in time.



My past does not control my
future!




What are you holding on to
from your past?



"to forget" does not mean "to fail to
remember"

Biblically Forget = no longer to be
influenced by or affected by.




Decide that your past can no longer influence your future.




It's time to be like Paul and become
future oriented.

Epekteino


Reach forth; stretch forward;
extended himself; lay hold of
what is divinely acceptable.



To realize our vision, we
must be willing to be
stretched.



Stretch = to be made or be capable of being made longer or wider without tearing or breaking; to extend one's body to full length.



Extend everything you have
towards your vision.

Questions

1. How is the enemy trying to distract you from realizing your vision?
2. How victoriously are you chasing after your vision?
3. What is the "one thing" you should be focusing on in this season?
4. Are you allowing your past to control your future?
What are you holding on to from your past?
5. What new thing do you need to press towards?