**UNDERSTANDING VISION**

**Text:**

* Pro 29:18 Where [there is] no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy [is] he. (KJV)
* Pro 29:18 Where [there is] no revelation, the people cast off restraint; But happy [is] he who keeps the law. (NKJV)

**INTRO:**

* The poorest people is the one who does not have a dream.
* The most frustrated person is the one who had dreams but doesn’t know how to make it happen.

**AIM:**

* FOR US TO UNDERSTAND VISION
* FOR US TO HAVE A VISION
* FOR US TO WORK FOR OUR VISION AND MAKE IT HAPPEN.

**I. WHAT IS A VISION?**

* The word commonly used of the revelation of God’s will made to prophets.
* Prophecy; public preaching of God's word.
* Vision is seeing the future before it comes into being.
* Illustration: A man with a chick
* Isa 46:9 Remember the former things, those of long ago; I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me.
* Isa 46:10 I make known the end from the beginning, from ancient times, what is still to come. I say: My purpose will stand, and I will do all that I please.
* It is a mental picture of your destiny.
* Architects see the building first in their vision before any work is started.
* Vision is a conception that is inspired by God in the heart of a human.
* The greatest gift God ever gave humanity is not sight but vision.
* Sight is the function of the eyes, but sight is the function of the heart.

**II. CONSEQUENCES WHEN THERE IS NO VISION.**

* God’s people perish.
* 1Sa 3:1 And the child Samuel ministered unto the LORD before Eli. And the word of the LORD was precious in those days; [there was] no open vision.
* Hosea 4:6 My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge.
* The people cast off restraint (Discipline, self-control).
* It is the revelation of God’s Word that restrains us from committing sins.
* Ex. Gen 20:1-6
* Gen 20:1 And Abraham journeyed from there to the South, and dwelt between Kadesh and Shur, and stayed in Gerar.
* Gen 20:2 Now Abraham said of Sarah his wife, "She [is] my sister." And Abimelech king of Gerar sent and took Sarah.
* Gen 20:3 But God came to Abimelech in a dream by night, and said to him, "Indeed you [are] a dead man because of the woman whom you have taken, for she [is] a man's wife."
* Gen 20:4 But Abimelech had not come near her; and he said, "Lord, will You slay a righteous nation also?
* Gen 20:5 "Did he not say to me, 'She [is] my sister'? And she, even she herself said, 'He [is] my brother.' In the integrity of my heart and innocence of my hands I have done this."
* Gen 20:6 And God said to him in a dream, "Yes, I know that you did this in the integrity of your heart. For I also withheld you from sinning against Me; therefore I did not let you touch her.
* 1Cr 9:27 But I discipline my body and bring [it] into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified.
* They would not keep the law.
* People get dis-appointed, depressed, unmotivated, unenthusiastic, not ignited, etc.
* Since vision is our destiny, it is our goal.
* If you can’t see your destiny, if you have no goal, you will become idle or just play.
* This is the case to most of us, we become complacent, lazy, unmotivated, we keep hanging to our excuses instead of working for our goals or dreams or fulfilling our vision.
* A man with a vision always work for his vision.
* Illustration: Rocking horse or tread mill
* You keep running but going nowhere.
* Every work we’re doing should lead us closer to the fulfilment of our vision.

**III. WHAT CAN VISION DO TO US?**

* We have learnt that God’s purpose for creating us, was, and is the kingdom.
* Vision will bring us back to our purpose.
* Vision is our reason for living.
* Vision will keep us in the right track.
* Ex. three kings who followed the star from the east-Matthew 2:1-2
* Vision will fire your hearts up when everything is down.
* It is for this reason that God sent spies to the promise land.
* If you would be asked why do you exist, what would be your answer?
* John 18:37-For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth.
* Most people can’t explain their existence because they don’t have a vision.
* Do you know why people are struggling with their jobs?
* They hate Mondays and love weekends.
* Because their job is not the reason for their existence.
* Your job is not your destiny.
* You were not created to do your job.
* If you don’t have a vision, you will be happy to settle down with your job.
* You could be working hard, running on a tread mill, rocking the horse without drawing near to your destiny.

**IV. WHAT IS YOUR VISION?**

* God Most High Christian Ministry-UK is a non-sectarian, non-denominational, non-doctrinal, a full gospel church.
* Our aim is to turn the hearts of many back to God again (I Kings 18:37) and
* To be a part of the fulfilment of God's will and desire that all men will come to know the truth and be saved (I Timothy 2:4).
* The church respond to God's commission to preach the Gospel to all creature (Mark 16:15).
* As a volunteer worker of this church, you should be with me for this VISION TO HAPPEN.
* How about individual vision?
* Will you just settle down with what you are doing now?
* Don’t have a vision of serving a big church?
* Don’t you a vision of having your ALBUM instead of singing other people’s song?
* Don’t you have a vision of preaching to a big crowd?
* Don’t you have a vision of having your own business, being the head, or being the employer?

**V. GOD EQUIPPED US ALREADY TO FULFIL OUR VISION/PURPOSE.**

* By the gifts we received.
* 1 Peter 4:10 As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.
* Gen 1:28- God blessed them…
* Ephesians 4:11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;
* Ephesians 4:12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:
* Gifts are designed to fulfil your vision.
* Vision is your dream.
* Vision is what you want to accomplish.

**CHALLENGE:**

* What is your dream?
* What do you imagine yourself doing?
* What do you want to accomplish?
* Are you doing what you really want to do with your life?
* After exhausting yourself, are you closer to your vision?

**CONCLUSION:**

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* **Pro 20:5 The purposes of a man's heart are deep waters, but a man of understanding draws them out.**