

Vision to Succeed!!!

Proverbs 29:18 (KJV) Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he.

Giving Honor to God the Father, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Ghost. To All of God's Sons, Daughters, and Children. Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow. Let's turn to the Proverbs 29:18, as we lift up the Name of the Lord. Our topic today is "Vision to Succeed."

Did you know that you need vision to succeed? Success is not an accident, it requires preparation and planning. Most successful people don't reach their goals by accident. It takes the right mindset and the right plan to obtain one's goals. The Bible consists of the Divine Word of God. When people do not accept divine guidance, they run wild, but whoever obeys the law is joyful. (Proverbs 29:18 NLT)

Accept Divine Guidance

In our ability to accept God's divine guidance, we must be willing to understand that God has a plan for our lives. In Jeremiah 29:11, the word says "For I **know** the thoughts (plans) that I think toward **you**, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give **you** a future and a hope. My brothers and sisters, you have a great future and great things to come in your life. You can't even imagine the blessings that the Lord has in store for you. According to the bible, our mission is twofold; to love people, and to teach people to love. This can be tough because the world really doesn't see love the same way as believers see love. Jesus is Love. God shows His love for us through His divine gift of Salvation. For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. (John 3:16) The plan of Salvation requires us to accept Jesus Christ as our Lord, Savior, and the total ransom for our sin debt. Hallelujah, this is the **vision to succeed**.

Commit to the Mission

We must make our minds up that we will commit to the mission. What are you prepared to do daily to prepare yourself for the vision? Are you prepared to read your word to enhance your knowledge of God and the divine plan for your life? Are you prepared to love and teach the principles of God's love to others? Have you received Jesus as your Lord and Savior? God has already begun this good work in you. The Bible says "And begun certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue His work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns. (Phillipians 1:6) In the Bible, "mission" refers to the purposeful act of being sent by God to carry out His will. This concept is founded on God "sending" His Son, Jesus, to redeem the world and is exemplified by the Great Commission for believers to spread the Gospel, make disciples, and serve others. This involves verbally proclaiming the message of Salvation and

living out faith through acts of love, justice, and service to people locally and globally. This is the **vision to succeed**

Write the Vision Down

You must absolutely, positively, without fail write the vision down. In the book of Habakkuk 2:22-23, we read "And the Lord answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it. 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." The likelihood of you obtaining your goals and obtaining success increases exponentially when you write the goal (s) down. Success is inevitable. You have planned for it. You have worked on it, in it, and through it. Obstacles may rise, but you wrote it down. People may doubt you but you wrote it down. Some may have laughed, but you could see the vision with clarity because you could read and re-read it, because you wrote on paper, your handheld device, and you took time to write it in your heart. While you were writing it down, there was a spiritual download that took place on the inside of you. Yes, you wrote down your vision of success on paper, but let me share spiritually what happened. You grabbed hold of the revelation of who God is. He is your shield and buckler. He's a friend that sticketh closer than a brother. He is a father to the fatherless. He is a mother to the motherless. He is the Lord of Lords and King of Kings. He is your burden bearer. He is your balm in Gilead. He is more for you than the whole world against you. He is a waymaker, promise keeper, light in the darkness, my God. That is who you are. I'm talking about the **vision to succeed**.

In closing, I remember being around my grandfather as an 8-year-old. My grandfather was losing his sight due to an eye disease, but he took the time to walk with my sister and I to the local bakery for fresh pastries. He would walk with us, while utilizing a cane, and I remember him sharing the words with us, "Follow Me." These words were profound and they prevented us from straying out into harm's way by walking on the road. Oftentimes, we would hear him say, stay behind me and follow me. Follow me – don't drift out into the road, he would say. In my mind, I begin to ask the question, how can others follow someone who is blind? Over the course of my life that question has truly been answered by the Lord above and His grace in the life of my grandfather and others. If my grandfather could speak today, I believe he would tell you exactly what I learned in response to my question, "How can others follow someone who is blind?" The answer truly is "People don't follow you for your sight, they follow you for your vision!!!" God has a vision for your life and in an effort to obtain success you must truly accept God's plan. Romans 10:9 says, "If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." This is a vision to succeed. Blessings, in the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.