

“Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord...” - 1 Cor 15:58

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“When Vision Is Lacking – Part 1”

This morning, the elders of this local congregation (*Acts 20:28*) will give a report about the work of this church (*Acts 14:27*). They will speak about what we have accomplished, what we are presently doing, & what we need to do in order to grow spiritually, which leads to numerical & financial growth in this geographical location (*Hebrews 5:11-6:12*). It is always good to be reminded of these things in connection to Scripture because of what Solomon teaches as recorded by Hezekiah in *Proverbs 29:18*, *“Where there is no prophetic vision the people cast off restraint, but blessed is he who keeps the law.”* Please consider this article as we hear their report & think of this verse.

As Christians, do we see ourselves developing, flourishing, growing, ripening, strengthening, & thriving? As a church in our community, are we happy with our progress? As a people of God, are we satisfied with where we are physically, emotionally, mentally, but most importantly, spiritually? These are questions we must ask ourselves daily, for it is in the answers to these challenging questions that will determine whether we have the vision necessary to be called children of God.

There are many books being written today by professors & psychologists informing humanity on how they can succeed in this lifetime. Even in religion, it appears more preachers & teachers are encouraging the masses to stop thinking small, but to start thinking big. They are publishing an abundance of books reiterating this phenomenon. As we look at the church collectively & Christians individually, it

would appear we are the reason why these printed materials are becoming best sellers in the marketplace. This is because in the church, one would think Christians should be the most ambitious folks in the world. However, we are not & it is all because we lack vision.

It would be effortless for us to actually pick up a copy of one of these publications & begin to show where we fall short in our lack of foresight, but man, outside the word of God, has frequently & constantly missed the mark in identifying & fixing the problems of man from within. Therefore, it would behoove us to trust in a Source, who has proven Himself reliable time & time again in our lives to reveal to us His solution in correcting our outlook on life.

...More Next Week!

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