

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

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"When Vision Is Lacking – Part 2"

In **Proverbs 29:18**, the Bible reads, "***Where there is no prophetic vision the people cast off restraint, but blessed is he who keeps the law.***" Last week, the elders gave their address & in the bulletin article, I began to speak about having a vision. Here is the continuation of that article...

The problem with the church today is a lack of vision. The issue with many Christians is an absence of farsightedness. As a people, we walk around with our heads down wondering why things are the way they are. We ponder to the point of despair & we fall endlessly into the pit of pessimism constantly trying to figure out why we are disappearing as a divine entity right here on earth. The reason is because we lack vision.

Helen Keller once said, "*The most pathetic person in the world is someone who has sight, but has no vision.*" In other words, just because we can see, does not mean we can see. As individuals who have been born again, God did not design us to operate & occupy our time here by literal sight only, but rather, our character dictates we are to walk & live by faith (**2 Corinthians 5:7**). Listen to your Bible! In **Hebrews 10:38**, the Bible reads, "***But my righteous one shall live by faith, & if he shrinks back, my soul has no pleasure in him.***"

- Vision is essential to our survival as a church.
- Vision is crucial to our existence as a people.
- Vision is a critical part of our enhancement as Christians.

Hence, it is high time for us to establish some foresight in our decision-making and our eternal planning.

What is vision? How come we will perish without it? What does keeping God's law have to do with vision & our happiness? Ralph Waldo Emerson is the author who is given credit for coining the phrase, "*Where there is no vision, the people perish,*" but in our reading of the sacred text, it was the Holy Spirit who inspired these words through King Solomon in **Proverbs 29:18**. To have a vision is one thing, but to have vision, which is what we need, is something altogether different. So, we need to focus on our position before God IF we lack vision & why we are to be happy when we do have vision.

...More Next Week!

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