

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

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“When Vision Is Lacking – Part 3”

Vision is defined as *“unusual competence in discernment or perception; spiritual/intelligent foresight.”* As Christians, we must be well qualified & adequate in our ability to pursue the dream, which only our faith can see.

- If we have no dream, then we have no vision.
- If we have no vision, then we have no faith.
- If we have no faith, then the word of God is lacking in our lives & we will perish as a result thereof.

So, we must understand that our vision comes from divine teaching & this divine teaching can only be derived from the word of Almighty God.

Personally, I have a vision. Personally, you might have a vision, but if we, as an assembly of God, lack a collective vision, then we will perish. **Proverbs 29:18** is not talking about us as a people individually per se, but it is talking about us as a people collectively. Without spiritual preaching, proceeding from spiritual experience, we are unrestrained. In other words, the word of God does not control or hold us in check.

- We are ungovernable.
- We are let loose.
- We are left to run wild.

Without vision, we become disorderly, undisciplined, & unruly. It is inevitable that we will perish. We will pass from existence &/or disappear gradually. The Bible teaches we will scat-

ter. We will separate & go in different directions like our predecessors (**Amos 8:11-12**). We are in a dissolute condition when the voice of the preacher, speaking from God's word, & enlightening our actions & sufferings by God's word, is silent among us. When the Scriptures are affirmed among us, it is supposed to help us see the condition of our life & help us to reach higher heights to better our image before God (**James 1:22-25**). Therefore, where vision & the faithful preaching of the Holy Scriptures are neither revered nor attended, the ruin of that congregation is at no great distance.

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