

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

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"When Vision Is Lacking – Part 4"

No Vision, No Knowledge (Hosea 4:6 - My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge; because you have rejected knowledge, I reject you from being a priest to me. And since you have forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget your children.)

Without vision, we will perish as a people, for a lack of vision is equivalent to a lack of knowledge. The reason why we exist is because of God. God instructs us through His word, which produces our faith & our vision (**2 Timothy 3:16-17 & Romans 10:17**). The Bible is a book of knowledge, which equips us with all our necessities, so we may prosper in both life & godliness (**2 Peter 1:3**). Without knowledge & vision, God says we are destroyed, killed, lost, broken down, & will cease to exist.

- We will collapse.
- We are corrupted.
- We will croak, crumble, & decay.
- We will decline, decompose, disappear, disintegrate, & expire.
- We will fall, go under, lose life, rot, vanish, & wither away.

It is our responsibility as Christians to have vision and make good on that vision by having a zeal of God according to knowledge (**Romans 10:2**).

As children of God, we have a unique mission, which can only be achieved if we envision ourselves obtaining it. Thus, allowing us to prevail over every obstacle that stands in our way. However, if we lack vision, then we will never move in any direction to even encounter a mountain that must be climbed & conquered. We will never achieve blessed happiness because God will not be pleased with us, for we lack the mandatory foresight to move out of a static state into a dynamic domain. True happiness is a product that can only be accomplished when we keep God's law by living according to it. Then & only then, can we, as a congregation of the Elect, be praised as happy when we show due reverence & fidelity to the word of God, both written & preached. We can only be truly happy when we earnestly & willingly subordinate ourselves to the word of Almighty God.

- Let us envision living eternally with God & do something about it.
- Let us envision ourselves maturing spiritually & do something about it.
- Let us envision the church broadening & expanding its borders, by seeking & saving the lost & do something about it.

Happiness is not acquired through having no vision, a false vision, scattering abroad, being disorderly, becoming ungovernable, & spiritually destroyed, but rather, happiness is reached by remaining content with who we are & yet not satisfied with where we are at, for we are ever trying to gladden our Lord.

- *Antoine N. Holloway*