

Prep for Marriage
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20/20 Vision: “Write the Vision and Make it Plain”
Lesson 1
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The Just Live by Faith

²Then the LORD answered me and said:

“Write the vision
And make *it* plain on tablets,
That he may run who reads it.

³For the vision *is* yet for an appointed time;
But at the end it will speak, and it will not lie.
Though it tarries, wait for it;
Because it will surely come,
It will not tarry.

Tarry

tar-ry | \ 'ter-ē , 'ta-rē \

tarried; tarrying

Definition of *tarry*

intransitive verb

1a: to delay or be tardy in acting or doing

b: to linger in expectation : **WAIT**

2: to abide or stay in or at a place

The Gift of Sight and The Power of Vision

“Vision is the Source and hope of life. The greatest gift ever given to mankind is not the gift of **sight**, but the gift of **vision**. **Sight** is a function of the **eyes**; **vision** is a function of the heart. **Eyes** that look are common, but **eyes** that see are rare.” ~ **Dr. Myles Munroe**

God’s Vision

God’s vision consists of foresight, insight and oversight that only comes from His divine purpose for your life.

Romans 8:28 New International Version (NIV)

²⁸And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who^[a] have been called according to his purpose

Foresight is like looking at life through a telescope. This outlook allows us to know what is ahead as it connects us to our future. Foresight is the component of vision that helps life make sense and gives us motivation. Insight is like viewing life through a microscope. This view gives us an understanding of why things happen in life. It also helps determine the primary motivations of the heart. Oversight puts life into context, it’s like having a bird’s eye view.

From this perspective, this outlook can help us understand where we are with respect to where everything else is.

That He May Run Who Reads It...

Vision is the link between the present and the future. Vision gives a great plan purpose. ***However, for vision to take hold it requires action.*** Those without vision spend their lives taking the path of least resistance trying to avoid discomfort often immovable becoming a concrete fixture in life.

Ezekiel 36:26 New International Version (NIV)

²⁶I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.

God will give you a new heart! New passion, a fresh outlook, a rejuvenated spirit just ask him! The level of sacrifice and drive that a vision requires will determine the outcome of your vision. God will fill you up with drive when you feel the most defeated (*ex: When will I have a new home, when will I get my new job, when will I be married?*) God will replace those thoughts with hope and faith to conquer the hurdle of life set in front of you (*ex: It’s not a matter of if, it’s a matter of when!*)

Sacrifice is what separates those with a small outlook from those with great vision. So many of us go through life *not* understanding the purposes of our lives, the trials we overcome to gain better insight into our future, our sight is what we see in the natural, but it is God that puts inspiration, creativity, innovation, the determination and the focus to thrive and not to just survive. Remember, He healed the blinded eyes. Doesn't it make sense that he gives us not only sight but vision?

Impaired Vision

The truth of the matter is you can't tell everyone your dreams. That is why they are *your* dreams. Jealousy can ensue and cause hatred in others who have unrealized dreams.

Genesis 37:5-9 New King James Version (NKJV)

5Now Joseph had a dream, and he told it to his brothers; and they hated him even more. 6So he said to them, "Please hear this dream which I have dreamed: 7There we were, binding sheaves in the field. Then behold, my sheaf arose and also stood upright; and indeed your sheaves stood all around and bowed down to my sheaf."

*8And his brothers said to him, "Shall you indeed reign over us? Or shall you indeed have dominion over us?" **So they hated him even more for his dreams and for his words.***

That is why *vision* in marriage is so vital to the kingdom of God. Allowing the vision of two to provide a protective 360-degree view of pitfalls and weaknesses, the adversary often attempts to ensnare us in on the daily basis.

Ponder this, what if you have a scratch on the lenses of your glasses. Your eyeglasses are meant to help you see, right? Or for example, what if your favorite sunglasses that protect your eyes from UV rays had a smudge blurring your vision. When there is a scratch on the lens it makes it difficult to see, distorting your view until the "**scratch**" or "**smudge**" becomes not only a hindrance but an annoyance. We become angry with our glasses saying, "**stupid glasses**" or "**who smudged my glasses**", but the problem really lies in the eyes of the beholder. Because the eye of the beholders vision is

impaired, we tend to blame others. Especially within marriage! Our minds receive images from our eyes, but our heart interprets these images an entirely different way. If our heart becomes bitter, jealous, hurt or in some way infected, the lens of our heart is distorted. What we perceive is happening in marriage and what is really going on often are two completely different things.

Hindsight is 20/20

This is a **saying** which means that "It's easy to know the right thing to do **after** something has happened, but it's hard to **predict** the future. First, "hindsight" means "thinking about things after they've happened". You can use it like this:

In hindsight, I realize that she was probably right.

This means that you didn't think she was right in the past, but now that you think back on it you realize that she was right.

"20/20" means "**perfect vision**". Eye doctors measure people's vision using two numbers. If the first number is low, your vision is good. If it's high, you aren't able to see well. 20/20 is the lowest score and means that you're able to see perfectly. "20/20" is pronounced "twenty twenty". So, when you put those together, "Hindsight is 20/20" means that you can easily tell what you should have done in the past, but it's harder to decide what to do in the future.

When people use this phrase, they usually want to express one of these ideas:

- You shouldn't **worry about** your past decisions, because you can't change them now.
- Don't **criticize** what I did, because I made the best decision I could at that time.

Or you could utilize the word of God to give you new perspective.

Psalms 37: 23-24

“The steps of a man are established by the Lord, and He delights in his way. When he falls, he will not be hurled headlong, because the Lord is the one who holds his hand”.

Once your vision is clear it's time to put it into action. Seeing the mission accomplished is establishing your steps. Utilize your resources to put your marital vision in action! **Now Run and get it done!**

