

# **Moving Forward with God-Given Vision**

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Theme: Now is the season to hear from God and to move toward His vision.

Text: Proverbs 29:18

Here's a thought: Without a vision we live like mere men and women.

I went to visit the world's largest church in South Korea and I spent a time in prayer.

Proverbs 29:18 - without a vision the people perish.

ESV - without a prophetic vision the people cast off restraint.

Without a vision we live like mere men and women.

What does God's vision look like?

It is futuristic

It is idealistic

It is appropriate for the time

It has clear purpose and direction

It inspires enthusiasm

It is easily understood

It has sense of uniqueness

It is ambitious

It is shared and shareable

It encompasses the world

Why do we need God's vision to thrive?

With it we will prosper and without it we will perish.

Because God sees the hard road ahead!

How God moves us forward:

He speaks in a multitude of ways.

Wait on Him and listen for His voice.

We need fresh vision as things open up after COVID.

Waiting on God is not sitting around doing nothing but it's active listening.

Genesis 12:1-2 - God calls Abram

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As we move on what God gives us, He gives us even more.

You need to enjoy what God gives you but He wants to share what He gives you.

As you act on what God says, He gives you even more direction, wisdom and clarity.

Genesis 12 - Abram believed God and God gave Him more clarity.

God doesn't waste words on those who won't obey Him.

Romans 1:5 - the obedience of faith

The grace of God leads us to obedience generated by faith.

Acts 26:19 - I was not disobedient to the vision of heaven.

Let's not be passive but let's move forward by faith.

We need to stay spiritually aggressive.

What was the last thing that God told you to do? Did you do it?

How do we position ourselves to move forward?

Lock ourselves up in a room and pray.

Be a supernatural man or woman of God.

Philippians 3:13-15 - forgetting what lies behind.

Put the past behind you and look ahead.

What you do with the past is mission critical for the future.

Remember Lot's wife who looked back.

There is, however, a monument or memorial that is helpful.

Philippians 3:13b-15 - straining toward what is ahead

Keep straining forward!

Leaders, keep your people focused ahead, living now as full witnesses.

Paul reached many people while he was in prison.

Always keep the rewards of Jesus in sight.

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Fight for and insist on living a Spirit-filled life.

We need to keep being filled with the Spirit because the circumstances around us want to deflate us.

Ephesians 5:18 - be filled with the Spirit

Why is this so important to be filled with the Spirit?

Acts 2:16-18 - dreams and visions

Boldness to push forward comes from being filled with the Spirit.

Acts 4:31 - they were filled with boldness.

The Holy Spirit fills your core with love.

His love casts out fear that keeps us from moving forward.

1 John 4:18 - perfect love casts out fear.

Now is the time to get God's dreams and visions!