

Title: Vision to Reality

“So then, King Agrippa, I (Paul) was not disobedient to the **vision** from heaven....”
Acts 26:19

Tell me your vision

Tell me your vision
and I will tell you...
your future.

Vision is the color
you paint your future with.

Vision is the language
of the Holy Spirit.

Vision is the pillar of fire and the cloud,
in the desert,
guiding your life.

Vision is the lamp to your feet
that leads step by step.

Work at your vision,
and your vision will work at you.

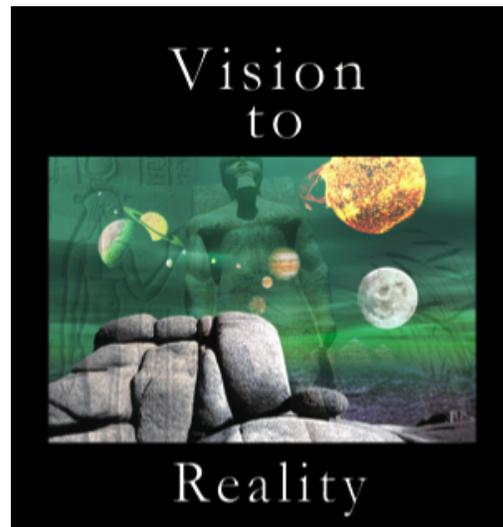
Follow your vision
and your path will be certain.

Vision makes you.

Tell me, now, your vision
and I will tell you...
your future.

Realizing your Vision:

According to Pastor David Yonggi Cho, "A vision is the mother of faith!" Vision makes you. God's first step in making you somebody is through vision. So, you must ask the Holy Spirit to give you a vision in your heart. It becomes a goal for your future. Clear vision produces clear goals. Then these clear goals produce concrete motivation. And based on the size of the motivation, the size of accomplishment is decided.



Clear Vision -- Clear Goal -- Concrete Motivation

Man of faith is man of vision.

1. **Noah:** He accepted God's proposition into his heart. He saw the ark in his heart.
2. **Abraham:** God's word became a clear vision in his heart. He is the father of a vision.
Ref: **Genesis 15:1** After this, the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision: "Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your very great reward."
3. **Isaac:** He could have overpowered Abraham at the time of sacrifice, but he subjected himself because he believed in resurrection.
4. **Jacob** versus Esau: Esau was the man's man. He was not interested in spiritual blessing and did not have a vision for his life. Jacob, however received a vision from God and became Israel and produced sons that would make up the 12 tribes of Israel.
5. **Moses:** He receives a vision from the Lord at the mountain Horeb, through the burning bush to bring the people of Israel out of Egypt.
6. **Joshua:** Inherited the vision that God first gave to Moses. Vision is transferable, but must be personalized as its own.
7. **Disciples of Jesus:** Average people with incredible vision. Jesus told them to change the world and they did.
8. **Apostle Paul:** He received a vision from the Lord at Damascus and lived by it all the days of his life.

Your mission for life comes to you in a vision. And until that vision is realized you won't be fulfilled and completed.

By the end of this 21 days spiritual journey you will know God's vision for your life and will have a solid strategic plan to accomplish those goals.

Your Next 21 Days:

Psychologists tell us that it takes 21 days for habit to form – either good or bad. Daniel prayed through for 21 days, and there was a spiritual breakthrough. You will be going through seven 'R' stages in the next 21 days:

Seven 'R' Stages of V2R:

1. **Revelation**
2. **Realization**
3. **Responding**
4. **Responsible**
5. **Reaping**
6. **Retaining**
7. **Rewarding**

And each day, you have 3 features to help you focus better.

- **Words to Heartify.** This is a Bible verse that teaches a truth from each day. Don't just think about it. Don't simply memorize it. But heartify it. Put them in your heart. Through out the day, reflect on them and recite them and thereby 'heartify' them. Words will become life within you.
- **Prayer points.** This is the prayer points you can pray through out the day. True transformation does not take place until it is totally soaked in prayer. The objective of this book is not an intellectual agreement but a whole transformation of person. You can not change without God's spirit working in you. God can not work in us if we do not pray! So,

let's not just study the material but pray through them.

- **Mission to consider.** What is God saying about your mission today. In a sense, it is a short - To Do - list for the day. Meditate on those points. Focus is the key to success. We need to focus on what God wants us to do, i.e., our mission, daily and think through these issues and spend time prioritizing life events by them.

Group Discussion & Prayer Time:

I strongly urge you to get one or more friends to join you in reading this book during the next 21 days. With them you can bounce off ideas and share prayer requests. And, of course, come to the prayer meeting each night to pray through all that you have meditated that day.

My Covenant

I commit next 21 days of my life to hear and understand God's Vision for my life.

_____.
Your Name

_____.
Partner's Name

_____.
Bishop Robert Oh

*Two are better than one... For if they fall,
one will lift up his companion.
But woe to him who is alone when he falls,
For he has no one to help him up.*

Ecclesiastes 4:9, 10 (NKJV)

Does God speak to us today?

Then **God said**, "Let there be light"; and there was light.
Genesis 1:3

He who belongs to God **hears what God says**.
The reason you do not hear is that you do not belong to God."
John 8:47

"As we begin to focus upon God, the things of the Spirit will take shape before our inner eyes." - A. W. Tozer -

Day 1

God speaks to us today!

Lack of listening may be the main cause of silence in our Christian life. God speaks to us because He wants to have fellowship with us. There is no fellowship without communication. Through out history God revealed Himself through many means. You will learn about 15 ways in which He wants to communicate.

I. REVELATION.

God reveals Himself. However, you must take action to complete your part in preparation to hear God:

First, Repent all the un-repented sin in your life.

Bible makes it clear that God is holy and wants us to be cleansed from sin.

Second, Do not complicate His leading.

Trust simply that God will lead you. God led Israelites through the pillar of cloud and the pillar of fire. In the same way recognize that God is leading you. Proverbs 16:9 teaches us that “In his heart a man plans his course, but the Lord determines his steps.” God has determined your steps and He is the one who’s leading you through those steps – step by step.

Submit to His will. Sometimes you can listen to others and their opinions instead of listening to Him. But according to 2 Cor. 10:5, “We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to *make it obedient to Christ.*”

Oppose the enemy. Spiritual battles rage on. Do not deny it. Enemy does not give special favor to those who does not want to fight. They will shoot you down just the same whether you fight or not. James 4:7 teaches us to “Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.” Don’t throw up your arms and give up – but fight the battle as a good soldier should.

Wait for His words in faith. When you are certain that God will speak then you can be more patience about His silence. So, just relax and enjoy the fellowship that you have with the Lord as you wait on the Lord. In John 10:27 Jesus says, “My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.” Sheep know that their shepherd will speak to them. They are not anxious about him not speaking. We need that simple faith in our good Shepherd.

Expect a specific word tailored to fit your life. Jeremiah 33:3 says that we are to call on Him and that He will answer us and show us great and mighty things we do not expect. That is not just a generic word He wants to give to every individual. Just as a tailor makes suits to fit each individual, instead of one size fits all, so does God speak words concerning our individual lives, individual situation and He even speaks in ways that cater to our communication style. Expect God to bring specific words that are in due season to your life.

Day One
Finding my Vision

Words to Heartify:

- “He who belongs to God **hears what God says**. The reason you do not hear is that you do not belong to God.” John 8:47

Prayer point:

- Lord, speak to me for I am listening.

Mission to consider:

- What is my ultimate goal of life? Write it out.

Day 2

“When people do not mind what God says to them in His Word, God doth as little mind what they say to Him in prayer.” - William Gurnall -

In preparation to hear from the Lord, you must repent all of your unrepented sin and wait on the Lord. Now be certain that God will speak to you. There are at least fifteen ways in which He speaks to us:

Ten ways in which God speaks:

One: Bible.

God speaks to us through the bible. It is one of the major way in which God reveals Himself to us. According to Hebrews 4:12, "Word of God is living and active, sharper than any double edged sword." Yes, His words are living and active. So, in your Quiet Time plan to listen to His words as much as your read through the text.

I The 2:13 "And we also thank God continually because, when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men, but as it actually is, the word of God, which is at work in you who believe.

4 Major 'I's of Bible Reading:

The Word of God gives us:

1. **Information.** Conviction comes from knowing the facts. The Bible gives you historical information about your faith. You should not build your faith on mythology, but on the Bible. You are to inspect them with a sound mind. The bible is the basis and foundation of our faith.
2. **Inspiration.** The Word of God inspires us. Not only a foundation, but it also becomes a window in which you perceive the world and understand. It gives us insights. T.S. Eliot was right when he cried out, "Where is knowledge that's lost in information?" Without inspiration, studying the bible would be nothing more than reading and studying a history book.

3. **Instruction.** The bible instructs us because it is a life manual. You are inspired so you can apply them in your life. These inspired information are not to be filed and put away in a bookshelves, but used daily in our life context.
4. **Impartation.** The Bible is not like a diet book, which tells you what to do but does not have power to make you do them. The key difference is 'Power'. The work of the Holy Spirit, i.e., *Parakletos*, is activated when you open your heart and want to receive His anointing as you 'heartify' the Word of God.

Two: Voice.

The Bible makes it clear that you can hear what God says. In John 8:47 you read, "He who belongs to God hears what God says. The reason you do not hear is that you do not belong to God." There are several ways in which we encounter the voice of God.

A. Voice of God.

Through out the Old and the New Testament, you find heroes of faith hear from the Lord. Father Abraham heard from the Lord as he began his faith journey. Moses hears from God by the burning bush. Apostle Paul hears God's voice on the road to Damascus. Over and over again you will find God's people hear from God regularly.

In Hebrews 4:7b, "Today if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts..." almost assumes that one can hear from the Lord. You should expect to hear from God if you belong to Him. Have an open heart and open ear each day you journey with Him.

B. Voice of Preacher

"And we also thank God continually because, when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men, but as it actually is, the word of God, which is at work in you who believe." I The 2:13

Are you listening to God as you hear the words proclaimed from the pulpit each week? If not, you are missing out. You have to hear from Him because God is using preacher as His 'speaker' to speak to you. As long as the preacher is faithful to the content of the Scripture, God will have something to say about you and your life. It does not have to be the whole sermon. It could be just one sentence, one thought, one concept or even be just one word. But let God speak to you through those words. Amen?

C. Voice of Others

To King David who was running away from being responsible for his sin, the prophet Nathan said, "Thou art the man!" Of course, many times it is not that dramatic. It could be your spouse speaking about something totally.

Day Two

Finding my Vision

Words to Heartify:

- "Word of God is living and active, sharper than any double edged sword." Hebrews 4:12

Prayer point:

- Lord, let me be aware of what you are saying to me. Soften my heart to the message you are speaking to me...

Mission to consider:

- Today, it is your mission to listen closely to the voice of God through whomever He speaks to you, and to open up your heart to the message He speaks.

Day 3

"I have been driven many times to my knees by the overwhelming conviction that I had nowhere else to go. My own wisdom and that of those about me seemed insufficient for the day." - Abraham Lincoln -

God continues to speak to you through...

Three: Prayer

"Prayer is primarily a wartime walkie-talkie for the mission of the church as it advances against the powers of darkness and unbelief. It is not surprising that prayer malfunctions when we try to make it a domestic intercom to call upstairs for more comforts in the den. God has given us prayer as a wartime walkie-talkie so that we can call headquarters for everything we need as the kingdom of Christ advances in the world." - Adam Cruse -

God wants to communicate to us. When we pray, God will speak His heart to us.

Four: Vision

"After this, the word of the LORD came to Abram in a **vision**: "Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your very great reward.'" Genesis 15:1

Now I have come to explain to you what will happen to your people in the future, for the **vision** concerns a time yet to come." Daniel 10:14

Five: Prophecy

One of the major church leadership position in church was a prophet. 2 Peter 1:21 clearly argues that "prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit." And the Bible warns us not to "treat prophecies with contempt (1Th 5:20), too many modern Christians treat prophecy from the Lord as something that was done away with many years ago.

Personally, I benefited tremendously by ministers like Cindy Jacobs who prophesized over me when I was going through a transition in my ministry. Also, godly people like Pastor Lloyd Ogalvie and Jack Hayford prophesied over me at Love LA meeting (1992) in front of 10,000 intercessors who came together to pray over Los Angeles. Pastor Lloyd Ogalvie who is now the chaplain of the United States Senate, prophesized that God will use me as a bridge to connect African American community and Korean American community. That was the beginning of the year and on April 29th of that year L.A. Riot broke out devastating Korean merchants in L.A. area. Out of 1 billion dollar damage, 500 millions dollars of damage was done against Korean merchants. In the after math of that God used me to bridge two communities.

Does God want to communicate to you in prophecy? Yes! So, keep a personal prophecy log. Record the content of the prophecy, dates and places and the person who prophesized over you. Don't overly spiritualized, but systematically keep record of prophecies so you can discern which is from the Lord and which isn't.

Day Three
Finding my Vision

Words to Heartify:

- “After this, the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: “Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your very great reward.”” Genesis 15:1

Prayer points:

- Is prayer a wartime walkie-talkie or a domestic intercom in your life?
- Lord, let me engage in my spiritual battle to be in that place of utilizing ‘prayer’ as a wartime walkie-talkie.

Mission to consider:

- It is our job to bring reconciliation to the world. We are called to be peace makers. Today, look around you and see where God can use you to bring His harmony in lives of those around you.

DAY 4

God continues to speak...

Six: The Holy Spirit

Acts 13:1-3 “In the church at Antioch there were prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen (who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch) and Saul. ²While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, **the Holy Spirit said**, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." ³So after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off.”

According to this text from the Bible, we find that the Holy Spirit actually spoke to the church in such a clear way that they gave Him the quotation mark. Unless what is recorded in quote is verbatim, the quotation mark can not be used. The Holy Spirit is a person, so rightfully, what He said was given a quotation mark.

The Holy Spirit is a talking spirit. Just like God who spoke the creation into being. The *parakletos*, the comforter, one who is with you at this time is a talking spirit. He is same God who created the world into an existence by speaking, so this triune God in us speaks to us today.

“The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children.” Romans 8:16

Seven: The church

According to Acts 13, God speaks through the body of Christ – His Church. As God gives a specific vision for a person, each church receives a specific call to accomplish for the expansion of His Kingdom.

What is God requiring your church to be part in His Kingdom building today? Be part of that. Join in what God is doing through His church today. Your local church should become part of what He is doing with your life.

Eight: Desires, God given.

God gives desires in our heart to fulfill who He is through us. It is never a right or wrong issue. In Psalm 37:4 “Delight yourself also in the LORD, And He shall give you the **desires of your heart.**” Many times, the term ‘desires’ is used in a negative context. But the psalmist makes it clear that some desires are from the Lord for you.

My greatest desire is to INFLUENCE my world in Jesus name. How? Whatever it takes! And when you work by your natural desires, you will have much better chance of succeeding.

According to Brian Carahaugh, one thousand five hundred people were surveyed right after college. They were asked why they took their first job, and 83% of them indicated because of financial reason whereas the rest, 17%, said that because it was of their interest and desire. They surveyed the same group of people 20 years later and found out that 101 millionaires came out of the entire survey group. However, only one came out of first 83% and 100 from the 17% group. (The Sower’s Seeds, Paulist Press, 1990)

Nine: Dream

Dream is a legitimate way in which God communicate with us. Do not treat your spiritual dream with contempt. God may have spoken to you night before – trying to communicate with you about what you must to do today.

In Genesis 37:5, "Joseph had a dream" and God revealed to him what he will become in the future for Him in a dream. Joseph held on to that dream and became that dream. When no one believed in him about that dream, Joseph never lost faith in God and the fact that God communicated to him in a dream. Keep a dream log and write down any insights you have received from dreams.

Ten: Circumstance

God speaks through special circumstances. Abraham’s servant requested God to speak to him through a special set of circumstances. “See, I am standing beside this spring, and the daughters of the townspeople are coming out to draw water. ¹⁴May it be that when I say to a girl, 'Please let down your jar that I may have a drink,' and she says, 'Drink, and I'll water your camels too'--let her be the one you have chosen for your servant Isaac. By this I will know that you have shown kindness to my master.” Genesis 24:13-14 So, he gets what he asked for. God did not speak verbally, but He puts all the circumstances together to communicate.

Sometimes, you many not even be looking for them. Simon who happens to be in Jerusalem at the time of Jesus’ crucifixion ended up taking the cross of Jesus. He was at the right place at the right time.

Day Four

Finding my Vision

Words to Heartify:

- “Delight yourself also in the LORD, And He shall give you the desires of your heart.”
Psalm 37:4

Prayer points:

- Lord, grant me the desires you have given me in my life!

Mission to consider:

- Saying yes to God always results in adventure. Today, say “yes, Lord” when unexpected opportunities come your way from God.

DAY 5

“God will never give us new light in our life until we have obeyed the last thing He told us to do.”
- Oswald Chambers -

Who doesn't want to hear from God and have an intimate relationship with Him? More often than not, you will find yourself in many of the following situations which keeps you from hearing from Him. Let's identify them so you can proactively remove them from your spiritual journey.

10 Reasons Why we do not hear God:

One: Lack of Faith

If you sincerely believe that God does not speak today, then you won't be able to hear what God says... Even if He shouts! Your faith in this matter determines the outcome. Sometimes you may have been brought up from a church tradition that keeps an intimate relationship with God at arms length due to some apparent abuse and theological bias. If you are not hearing from the Lord clearly, you must clearly take action to make your relationship with God more intimate. Closer. Come near to the hearing range.

Two: Spiritually Deaf & under-developed

You may have Inner Healing issues, deep hurts, which keeps you from opening up to God. Your spiritual mechanism is to shut down and protect yourself. Over the time, this dulls the sensitivity of your spiritual ears and eventually you can not hear from Him.

Also, as we see in case of a boy Samuel, I Sam 3:7-11, under-developing of the spiritual ear may be the cause of not hearing.

Three: Because God is not speaking

God says to be still and know that He is God. Then it seems He Himself is silent. You may go through some dry period in your life because God wants you to go through desert experience of your journey. Be patient and learn all you can through these silent mode relationship with God.

Four: Unclean Sinful Heart

The Bible tells us that unclean and impure heart corrupts the minds. Titus 1:15 states that to the pure, all things are pure, but to those who are corrupted and do not believe, nothing is pure. In fact, both their minds and consciences are corrupted.

Five: Disobedience

Are you willfully disobedient to God at this point? Then expect not to hear from Him. He would expect you to obey His prior command before speaking to you about the next project. Samuel rebukes the King Saul correctly in 1 Samuel 15:22, “Does the Lord delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as much as in obeying the voice of the Lord? To obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed is better than the fat of rams.” Our disobedience to Him will always takes us out of an intimate fellowship with God.

Day Five
Finding my Vision

Words to Heartify:

- "To obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed is better than the fat of rams."
1 Samuel 15:22b

Prayer points:

- Lord, am I disobedient to your will and desire in any way? Search my heart, oh God!

Mission to consider:

- Consider your ways. Are you able to move forward in your life on the mission God has for you, or are you at a halt? Your mission today is to see what level obedience there is in your life, and to obey the last thing God told you to do.

DAY 6

Why we can not hear from God? Let's continue with the list.

Six: Critical mind - try to analyze everything.

Having critical mind is important but to have critical spirit about everything you find in the Word of God will keep you from hearing from Him. If you are asking 'Why?' question to acquire understanding, it is good. But if that is your mode of operation at all time, you will not hear from God eventually.

"For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe."
1 Corinthians 1:21

Seven: Fear

"There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love." 1 John 4:18

Fear is a terrible thing. It keeps people from doing great things for God. Also, keeps them from hearing from God. At times, even after hearing from God clearly, fear keeps them from recognizing that it is from the Lord. Fear will rob of your destiny if you give yourself to it. There is no fear in love. Live in the state of love!

Eight: Theological misinformation

God was moving powerfully in one of our summer retreat one time. People were receiving from the Lord in a very supernatural way. Many renewed their faith with God and some manifested in a brand new tongue. One sister was terrified and took me by the side and said, "This isn't right. God does not work like this today. That's not what I was taught!" In the midst of a great renewal, she missed out because how she was taught (or mis-taught) about spiritual things.

Nine: Temptation of the World

"The seed that fell among thorns stands for **those who hear**, but as they go on their way they are choked by life's worries, riches and pleasures, and they do not mature." Luke 8:14 says it well. Although you may hear what God is saying, too many times the noise of this world is so much more powerful and immediate. Let's learn to take time out with God and be in the prayer mode so God's voice becomes louder in our lives.

Ten: Demonic spirits

There are several demonic spirits that keep us from hearing from God.

- a. Absolum's spirit - challenging the authority God has established. It is a rebellious spirit. Our relationship with God has to be that of Shepherd and sheep. When we are so busy challenging His order and His way of doing things, we can not hear Him.
- b. Judas' spirit - spirit of self centerness and selfish gain. (Matthew 26) When we keep asking, "What's in for me?" God will stop talking to you. Because it's not about you and your interest.
- c. Jezabel's spirit - spirit of idol worship and lust. If someone is given to the pleasure of the world and quite committed to fulfill his/her desires, God's spirit will lift from that person and situations.

We must fight these demon spirits in order to be in that intimate relationship with God.

"The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. ⁵We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.
" 2 Corinthians 10:4-5

Day Six

Finding my Vision

Words to Heartify:

- "There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love." 1 John 4:18

Prayer points:

- Lord, many things would keep me from hearing clearly from you. Would you please purge my life from all outside influences that would keep me from hearing clearly from you?

Mission to consider:

- Apostle James says that we can be tossed by all kinds of doctrine. It is very important to be truly anchored in the word of God in order to live a fulfilled Christian life. Make studying His word your mission.

DAY 7

The next big question is ...

How do I discern if it is from God or just my imagination?

- Contradictory to the principles of the Bible:
Is what you are hearing in agreement with the Word of God in its content and principles? If not, it is not from the Lord. God will not contradict His own written words when He communicates with you.

- By the gift of spiritual discernment.
Some people have this wonderful gift. It is a spiritual gift. And he/she can discern
- The Holy Spirit will bears witness in our spirit.
 - “For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. 14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. 15 For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, “Abba, Father.” 16 **The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit** that we are children of God...” Romans 8:13-16
- Also, ask questions like:
 - Does it edify me and my family?
 - Does it build and edify the church?
 - Is it going to hurt or jeopardize anyone as I become obedient to this revelation?
- Look for peace - Shalom: Do you experience peace of God?
 - If there is a nagging uncertainty do not act on it.
- Look for fruit. Is it bearing good fruit?
- Look for growth. Are you growing and maturing as a Christian or being destroyed?

Practical Steps in hearing God:

- Time Out: Seek God personally - Take some time out - fasting and praying is in order.
- Seek Support: Ask for prayer coverage from your intercessors.
 - Intentionally set dates for specific prayer request.
 - Let your spiritual leaders know about what you are going through. Include them in the part of your spiritual journey.
- Start writing Prayer Journal / Diary - to log in what God has been sharing with you up to this point.

Day Seven

Finding my Vision

Words to Heartify:

- “You did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, “Abba, Father.”” Romans 8:15

Prayer points:

- Lord, quiet my spirit and let me hear from You today. Let me intentionally set myself apart and hear Your voice.

Mission to consider:

- Making sure you set aside choice time and not just left over time when you are tired or in a rush will give you the best results in your relationship with God- a close relationship with Him.

Who am I?

But Moses said to God, "Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh
and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?"
Exodus 3:11

Talents are gifts from God. What you do with it is your gift to God.

DAY 8

II. REALIZATION STAGE

Now, we are fully aware of what God wants to do with our lives... Then what? Well, the revelation of God stage can not go to the next level, without going through the next stage called "Realization Stage."

Listen to what Moses is saying after probably the greatest and most dramatic revelation of God in history:

"But Moses said to God, "**Who am I**, that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?"" Exodus 3:11

"Who am I?" Moses wasn't asking for INFORMATION about who he was. He knew God knew all about him. Moses is actually saying, "Lord, I am nobody... I am a loser! What you are asking me to do does not fit who I am!"

Realization vs. Reaction

Just like Moses, most people react to God's revelation more than responding properly. Largely due to the fact that self Realization is not in order.

What we want is to do is also realize who we are in the Lord. Self Realization is a PAINFUL process but we need to go through them. There are two 'A' steps.

First, Accept yourself....

We have to recognized the fact that God will accept you who you are because God made you just the way you are. God does not make mistake. Listen to what the Psalmist says in Psalm 139. "I will praise You, for I am fearfully *and* wonderfully made."

Second, Affirm yourself....

Affirmation before Action, that's God's way. Even Jesus was affirmed before He went into His public ministry.

"And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased." Mark 1:11

This Scripture set us free from the performance trap which is common in our time. People do not experience true joy and peace because they are trying to live up to certain standard and think that they will not be accepted unless they perform up to a certain level.

Four 'D' Words of Accepting and Affirming yourself:

One: Discover your spiritual gifts and talents.

Spiritual Gifts: I Corinthians 12:7-11

- Message of wisdom
- Message of faith
- Faith
- Gift of healing
- Miraculous Power
- Prophecy
- Distinguishing the Spirit
- Speaking in Tongue
- Interpretation of Tongue
- Gift of Service (I Pet 4:11)
- Mercy
- Giving
- Hospitality (I Pet 4:9)
- Intercession
- Leadership / Ruling

Two: Develop what you have received from the Lord to the fullest.

- a. Start reading books on that topic and build a personal library for a life time development.
- b. Attend seminars on the topics. For example, if you have a gift of leadership, make sure you are developing your leadership skill to the next level by strategically attending reputable leadership conferences.
- c. Practice, Practice and practice. Start using the gift you have received.
- d. Start your teaching material on that topic.
* The best way to learn is to teach.

Three: Dedicate yourself in mastering them.

- Set a yearly goals at the beginning of the year.
- Set a quarterly measurable small goals that reflects the yearly goals.
- Build a buddy system where you will be challenged to accomplish those goals.
- Strategically plan your calendar so you will be utilizing the gifts.

Four: Discipline yourself - It's a hard work. Nothing is automatic. Not many things in life is automatic - at least those things that matters.

I The 1:3 “We continually remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.”

The Greek for 'Work' is *Er'-gon*, from root word '*ergo*' which means to 'toil'. So it reads, "Your TOILING produced by Faith." There is no room for misunderstanding. Our spiritual journey is not a nice walk at the park, but a challenging journey. God expects us to 'toil' at it.

Day Eight

Finding my Vision

Words to Heartify:

- “And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased." Mark 1:11

Prayer points:

- Lord, let me see myself as accepted in your eyes today. As your child, help me to know that it is not about what I do, but who I am to You that matters.

Mission to consider:

- Today, consider the fact that your mission in life is important, but consider even more that who you are as God’s child is of greater significance than what you do.

DAY 9

The Bible gives an incredibly a positive picture of who we are. It will take the work of the enemy to disfigure that. Philippians 4:13 says it clearly. “I can do (*be*) everything through him who gives me strength.” Only if that is our self image, we can stand tall and be counted as a soldier of Christ ready to conquer the world. There are four things you can do to reach that self realization.

Four Things To Do for Self Realization:

One: Read and Meditate on Word of God.

- Read the Bible and meditate on Great Man & Woman of God.
- Try to identify with God’s people in every aspect.
- Read through the entire Bible at least once a year. Make that your yearly spiritual habit.

Two: Pray specifically about your call / mission of life.

- Do not wait for special occasion to fast and pray. Make that a regular practice for you to seek God on direction and destiny of your life.
- Have intercessors pray for you. Your intercessors should be ones who love you and wish you well.

Three: Invest in yourself.

- Attend classes and conferences and learn all about areas in which God is leading you.
- Do the basics right and master your basics well. The difference between good and excellent is very small.
- Buy books on the subject that you need to become expert in. Then - Read, Read & Read some more. “Today’s Reader is tomorrow’s Leader!”

Four: Take Day of Rest / Day of Reflection (DOR) seriously.

- Preferably once a week, if NOT once a Month.
- Plan it proactively in your monthly calendar way in advance.
- Make them your priority #1. Don’t be a slave to daily URGENT matters. We need time out to review our progress objectively.

Day Nine
Finding my Vision

Words to Heartify:

- “I can do (*be*) everything through him who gives me strength.” Philippians 4:13

Prayer points:

- Lord, help me to plan carefully my life, in order to see Your vision for me to become a reality.

Mission to consider:

- In his book, Revival by Fire, Rhinehard Bonke mentions a time in his life when he heard from the Lord to start massive crusades in Africa. He and a church of forty members rented a stadium which seated 10,000 people! On the day of the crusade, the stadium was filled to capacity. You must hear from God yourself, for yourself. And once you have heard, you must obey that voice. Today, listen to the voice of as He specifically speaks to you.

Obey, Obey, & Obey!

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

Jeremiah 29:11

Teach me to do your will, for you are my God;
may your good Spirit lead me on level ground.

Psalms 143:10

Day 10

Not all responses are innately good. In case of Moses, his first five response to God's call in his life was negative. So negative, matter of fact, that he made God mad! It's hard to get God mad. We will learn to day five things we must not do when we respond to God's call.

III. RESPONDING STAGE:

Moses' FIVE Negative Response:

One: Who am I?

But Moses said to God, "**Who am I**, that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" Exodus 3:11

Self Doubt

Hearing Satan saying, "Who do you think you are?", majority of people give up and fail at this point. I would say more than 50% of people just give up even before they start. Their reason is "I am not qualified!"

Our Correct Response to God should have been based on Jeremiah 29 which reads, "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

We should declare to the enemy who constantly accuse us and gives doubt, "I am a child of God and I can do all things who gives me strength. My Lord Jesus became poor so that I can be rich. As brother Jeremiah said, "God has a plan for me and plans to PROSPER me and NOT to HARM me. Plans to give me HOPE and FUTURE."

Two: What is your name?

Moses said to God, "Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' Then what shall I tell them?" **Exodus 3:13**

Doubting God

In reality, Moses is asking God, "Who are you?" He is crying out to Him, "If you are such a great God, what happened to me up to this point?" "Do you really love me?"

Three: What if they do not believe?

Moses answered, "What if they do not believe me or listen to me and say, 'The Lord did not appear to you?'" Exodus 4:1

Doubting Others

Moses is really saying, "Thy are not going to believe me or you!" There is no way they are going to help me. He is going into a blaming mode.

Four: Lord I have never been eloquent!

Moses said to the Lord, "O Lord, I have never been eloquent, neither in the past nor since you have spoken to your servant. I am slow of speech and tongue." Exodus 4:10

Doubting Self ability

Do not rely on your present skills for the future job. God will equip you with new ones and develop the old.

Five: Lord, please send somebody else to do it.

But Moses said, "O Lord, please send someone else to do it." Exodus 4:13

Doubting His Call

Fully knowing that God is calling him to fulfill his destiny. He knew that he was destined from birth for this task. Yet, he refuses. He wants to pass the responsibility to someone else.

Day Ten
Finding my Vision

Words to Heartify:

- “For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.” Jeremiah 29:11

Prayer points:

- Lord, do I have doubt in You, myself, or others? Help, my unbelief, Lord, that I might be able to fulfill my destiny.

Mission to consider:

- By disobedience, You not only miss the opportunity to experience your destiny, but you rob the body of Christ the benefits your obedience would bring. Today, let your mission be to go over the verses in today’s lesson, in order to give you the confidence and faith you need to fulfill everything God has for you.

Day 11

Obey, Obey, & Obey! That’s all we have to do when we hear God speak. That’s the only response we are required to do.

Moses’ Positive Response:

This one positive response of Moses cancelled out all previous five negative responses.

So Moses took his wife and sons, put them on a donkey **and started back to Egypt**. And he took the staff of God in his hand. Exodus 4:20

A Positive Response in one word is ‘**Obedience**’. Through obedience he put his faith in action. “To OBEY is better than Sacrifice.” Samuel warns King Saul. I Sam 15:22

Time to OBEY is **ASAYH**. No, it’s not a Hebrew word, but an acronym for “**As Soon As You Hear**.” Do not hesitate. Do not ask God for more time to think about it. Time to obey God is as soon as you hear. As soon as you are certain that God has spoken to you, that is the time that you need to move. Put it action. That’s what faith is all about.

Also, you have to know that only you can obey. It is not other’s responsibility to obey your call of destiny. Let me say in Paul’s word. “Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies (not someone else’s body) as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God--this is your spiritual act of worship. Romans 12:1

5 H’s of Learning

Hearing	Listening	Recognition of information
Head	Understanding	Cognitive recognition
Heart	Feeling	Emotional change
Hand	Doing	Behavioral change
His/Herself	Being	Existential change of Being

“Don’t do what I do, do what I say!” my old philosophy Professor used to say. However, in Christian life, it just does not work like that. We need to demonstrate what we want others to do. It’s Do what I do, not what I say!

Ultimately, there is FRUIT in OBEYING. “If you are willing and obedient, you will eat the best from the land.” Isaiah 1:19

Only those who love God can OBEY. It’s really a heart issue. Moses states, “when you and your children return to the Lord your God and **obey him with all your heart** and with all your soul according to everything I command you today...” Deut. 30:2 Also, “Jesus replied, “If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him.” John 14:23 Without love, obedience is forced on. And when we obey, one who gets the blessing is us. According to Luke 11:28, “Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it.” Amen to that!

Day Eleven

Obeying my Vision

Words to Heartify:

- “Jesus replied, “If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching.”” John 14:23

Prayer points:

- “Lord give me the faith to obey You! You have overcome the world, give me the overcoming faith to influence my world today!”

Mission to consider:

- What type of mission is the HOLY SPIRIT leading you on today? And as soon as we know it’s GOD we need to obey

Lord, What Shall I do?

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

Jeremiah 29:11

“To pray is to change.”

- Richard Foster - Celebration of Discipline

“The power of prayer is not in the one praying
but in the One who hears our prayers”

- Max Lucado -

Day 12

IV. RESPONSIBLE STAGE:

You are responsible! Nothing happens automatically! If someone told you that Christian life is automatic, he lied. There is your responsibility that ensures a successful Christian life.

You have to monitor three gauges of your life carefully and frequently. They are just like gauges in your car.

Three gauges:

- Fuel gauge: Spiritual
If this is empty, car just stops. The other two gauge may be fine, but just one of three will stop the car.
- Oil gauge: Emotional / Psychological
You may be full of Spirit, but if your emotional tank is empty, your engine will experience melt down.
- Water gauge: Physical
Even if you are spiritually and emotionally fulfilled, if your body gives out, you are done for. If you die before your time, our Lord will say, "Why did you come home so soon?"

How do we keep all three tanks full? In other words, are we doing what is required of us to manage our own life?

In his article, "The Art of Self Leadership," Bill Hybels writes about Dee Hock's recommendation. "We should invest 50 percent of our leadership amperage into the task of leading ourselves; and the remaining 50 percent should be divided into leading down, leading up, and leading laterally."

Recall the first five chapters of Mark's Gospel. Remember Jesus' pattern of intense ministry quickly followed by time set aside for reflection, prayer, fasting and solitude? This is self-leadership. No leader can survive without it.

7 Critical Self-Leadership Questions:

1. Is my vision clear?
2. Is my passion to fulfill my mission hot?
3. Are my ears open to the Holy Spirit's whisper?
4. Are my fears issue or did I overcome it?
5. Are my gifts developing as I engage in the work I am doing?
6. Is my pace sustainable for a long term achievement?
7. Is my capacity for loving people deepening as a result of my working at the field?

How do we positively respond to all these questions? We need to be RESPONSIBLE for the following:

Responsible for Prayer

Why? Because the prayer is the POWER source of our spiritual life. And when you pray you are filling up the fuel of your spiritual life.

“For the kingdom of God is not a matter of talk but of power.” 1 Corinthians 4:20

Three S's of Prayer:

One: Systematic Prayer

- Daily Prayer
- Weekly Day of Rest (DOR):
- Monthly DOR: We do not learn by Experience but REFLECTION of that experience.
- Seasonal Prayer
 - Fasting
 - 40 days media fast
 - D-21 fasting prayer

Two: Strategic Prayer

- Praying for certain strongholds to become broken
- Taking on your battles
 - This is extremely important!!! Do not take up more than you can handle, or battles that you are not supposed to fight!
- Claiming God's victory over specific areas...
 - People (Make a Salvation “hit list.”
 - Neighborhood
 - Cities
 - States
 - Nations

Three: Spirit guided Prayer

1. You should pray what the Holy Spirit is guiding you to pray.
2. Pray to God and ask what you should pray for.

Day Twelve

Living my Vision

Words to Heartify:

- “For the kingdom of God is not a matter of talk, but of power.”
1 Corinthians 4:20

Prayer points:

- Rely on the powerful Holy Spirit to lead and direct you as you pray, and respond to Him through out your day as He prompts you to pray for certain things.

Mission to consider:

- Are you spending the time you need to in prayer and in the Word? Are you feeding your emotions and keeping a healthy, balanced relationship with yourself and others? Do you eat right, sleep enough and exercise? Take an honest look at yourself, and decide to take steps towards a more balanced you.

Day 13

Other than prayer, what else are you responsible for?

Responsible for all of the INPUT & OUTPUT of your life:

What do I mean by that? It means whatever you are becoming, it is a direct result of all of your in takes and out takes of life. This will fill up your emotional and psychological tank.

a. Seeing

Theological Insight: Satan's first temptation -

“When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing in the eye....”

Genesis 3:6

b. Hearing

Q: Does this build me up?

* Christian music / praise / worship

b. Speaking

Speak well of yourself and others. This can plant a seed of faith in you, that by speaking forth those desired things into your life.

Responsible for Physical Conditioning

You must fill up that tank called “Physical well being.” You can not fill this tank up spiritually. Certain physical things are only filled by physical act. Exercise is more spiritual thing you can do for your body when you feel sluggish than prayer.

“Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit *who is* in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?” I Corinthians 6:19

Our physical well being influences our emotional well being as well. In that way it is all interconnected.

Long ago, one friend pastor of mine over worked and as a result collapsed (for the third time) and went to Emergency Room. One elderly woman of that church praised him and said, “What a spiritual man. A true pastor!” I disagreed. He did not take care of his body – the temple of the Holy Spirit. He should be warned by the angels and given a yellow card. He won't be able to play the game of life if he continues to violate physical law, as much as the spiritual law, of life.

Three R's of Exercise:

- Regularly - get in the routine. Try to do it daily.
- Realistic Goal – don't try to do it over night. Take time!
- Religiously
 - Yes, it is your devotion to God - do it religiously as unto the Lord.

Day Thirteen

Living my Vision

Words to Heartify:

- “Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit *who is* in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?” I Corinthians 6:19

Prayer points:

- Lord, help me to pray like it all depends on You!
- Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you in every move you make today. He sees beyond the borders of your mortal being, so you can trust what He tells you to do.

Mission to consider:

- Come up with a do-able exercise plan for this week. Then share your decision with someone and implement your plan.

Day 14

What are you responsible for?

Responsible for HARD WORK - literally.

It is like stepping on the pedal. It's time now to put that vehicle to work.

Jesus said that each one must daily take up their cross and follow Him. Paul said that if a man does work he should not eat. God created us to work...Adam in the Garden of Eden was given the task to rule over the animals and tend the plants. God had plan for Adam from the moment he was created.

God gives us the pleasure of working together with Him. He brings His gospel message through us and says to us, "come work this field of souls with Me. Come and be a history-maker together with Me." Consider the awesome ramifications of that! God knowing the plans He has for us (Jeremiah 17:7-8), and then looking for someone He can send out to do His will (Isaiah 6).

God gives you the INSPIRATION and you must give Him your PERSPERATION.

God's work is NOT automatic! God's work is hard work.

Inspiration	WITHOUT	Perspiration is	Day Dreaming/A Want to be
Perspiration	WITHOUT	Inspiration is	simply Dumb!/ A Poser
Inspiration	WITH	Perspiration is	Vision to Reality!

Day Fourteen
Living my Vision

Words to Heartify:

- "What does it profit, my brethren, If someone says he has faith but does not have works?" James 2:14 A

Prayer points:

- Lord, let me have wisdom to know that my life is completely dependant on you. Yet teach me to live my life as if it all depends on me!

Mission to consider:

- James said that faith without works is dead. Your mission today is to step out into the *inspiration* God has given you with the perspiration only you can provide. Make a solid plan to accomplish all that God has called you to do.

Reaping Not Reaching

"Isaac planted and reaped hundred fold, because the Lord blessed him."
Genesis 26:12

Day 15

We were taught to reach for the stars. In that paradigm, one who's ultimately responsible is us. We make it or break it based on us. Although, a hard work is in order, like a farmer he or she does not produce the crop. They work hard at the field but it is God who gives them the crop and all they do afterward is harvesting. We reap success not reach!

V. REAPING SUCCESS STAGE:

Genesis 26:12 "Isaac planted and reaped hundred fold, because the Lord blessed him."

Reaping VS Reaching

Reaping	Reaching
There is a natural cycle of Success - God is ultimately responsible.	You are responsible ultimately for all .
You must do your part, but ultimately it's up to God.	You are in charge all the way. You are the master. You have to do it.
You are a worker of the field God has given you.	You are the master of your own fate.
Harvest field	Rat race

How do we REAP the SUCCESS? Two fold!

Some come all the way up to the RESPONSIBLE stage but fails to enter into the REAPING stage.... Why?

A: Reaping Success By Faith

The Key word I am looking for is **EFFICACY**. Professor Archibald Hart of Fuller Theological Seminary found that the common denominator of successful CEOs of America was not IQ or even EQ, but high in Efficacy scale. They had internal recorder repeating to themselves, "I can Do this. I can do this. I can do this!" So they do it. It's basically a Biblical principle: "I can do all things in Christ."

- **Efficacy in other word is - ICBM Principle:** What is ICBM? As you study about Moses, don't say, "What an incredible man of God!" but you say to yourself, "It could be Me!" (ICBM) or in this case, "I Can Be Moses!"

Day Fifteen
Living my Vision

Words to Heartify:

- "Isaac planted and reaped hundred fold, because the Lord blessed him." Genesis 26:12

Prayer points:

- LORD, Transform me into one who is a reaper, not a reacher!
- FATHER, Awaken the dreams in me that have lain dormant in my spirit because I have reached in my own power.

Mission to consider:

- Ponder this: "LIFE IS NOT A DRESS REHEARSAL!" What must you do today so you will be doing what God has called you to do?

Day 16

What else do we need to do to reap success? Well, the second stage is little more than just doing. It is by **character** that we reap success. The Hebrew word for Character is *Chayil*, which means Force, Wealth, and Strength. However, this character has a high price tag. According to Philippians 1:29, "it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe on him, but also to **suffer** for him."

But why suffer? Because without suffering we can not become the character God wants us to be. Romans 5:3-4 states the following: "Not only so, but we also rejoice in our **sufferings**, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, **character**; and character, hope."

Reaping has its TIME.

We can not harvest a crop any time we want. It has a **Chronos**, sequential time, and **Kairos**, God's time, working together.

As you manage your *Chronos* time faithfully, His *Kairos* moment will come.

Day Sixteen
Living my Vision

Words to Heartify

- "Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope." Romans 5:3-4

Prayer points:

- LORD, I want YOU to find me faithful in the "*Chronos*" time, so that I can reap at the *Kairos* moment!

Mission to consider:

- What difference can you make in the mission of your church?
- What are the areas of service in the church the Lord would have you consider?

Are you Keeping them
Or
Wasting them?

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with **thanksgiving**, present your requests to God.

Philip. 4:6

Day 17

Have you met someone who reaped an incredible success and totally wasted them and wasted by them? I have. We can Reap success, but we can also LOSE it. Yes, you can LOSE all of your success! You heard a financial advisor who always says, "It's not how much you make, but how much you keep!" We will learn about how to keep what we reap.

VI. RETAINING STAGE:

Then how do we RETAIN our success?

By having a heart full of Thanksgiving, which is Attitude of Gratitude (AOG).

"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in **your hearts** to God. ¹⁷And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving **thanks** to God the Father through him." Col. 3:16-17

I found out that your AOG determines your standing in Favor of God (FOG). Jesus had FOG. In Luke 2:52 we read that "Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in **favor with God and men.**"

When I pray for people by means of writing, many times I ask for much "FOG" and "FOM". You will see lots of FOG / FOM in my diary.

Jesus' first message was proclaiming the FOG: Luke 4:16-19
"He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. And he stood up to read. ¹⁷The scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written: ¹⁸"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, ¹⁹to proclaim **the year of the Lord's favor.**"

How do we keep up with our ATTITUDE of GRATITUDE? By keeping it BASIC!

Basic Thanksgiving List:

- For **salvation** we have received
- For **life** God has granted us.
- For **church** God allowed us to be part of - family of God.

- For **family** we have - Wife, children, Mom & Dad, siblings..
- For **friends** God gave us.

Day Seventeen
Living my Vision

Words to Heartify:

- And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving **thanks** to God the Father through him.” Col. 3:17

Prayer points:

- “Lord, Give me clean hands and a pure heart (Psalm 24), so that I might ascend to your holy mountain. I want thankful, not skeptical heart today and everyday.”

Mission to consider:

- Today consider your Attitude of Gratitude. In your journal, make a list of all the things you are grateful for.

Day 18

We retain our success by being Thankful! What else? **By being FAITHFUL.** “Faithfulness keeps the Fruitfulness! Be faithful at what God has given you at this point.

Not only You get to retain your fruit but more is given through faithfulness: "His master replied, 'Well done, good and **faithful** servant! You have been **faithful** with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!' Matthew 25:23

Jesus demonstrated his teaching by being one - who’s faithful: “God, who has called you into fellowship with his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, is **faithful.**” 1 Corinthians 1:9

Therefore, as we become more like Jesus. He requires us to be more faithful: “Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove **faithful.**” 1 Corinthians 4:2

Do you want to be used by God? Then be FAITHFUL. Even for Paul, ‘faithfulness’ was one major criteria in choosing Timothy: “For this reason I am sending to you Timothy, my son whom I love, who is **faithful** in the Lord. He will remind you of my way of life in Christ Jesus, which agrees with what I teach everywhere in every church.” I Corinthians 4:17

The third way in which we retain our success is by Humility

Humility	Pride
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He did it all • I don’t deserve it but He provided. • I am content even if I lose it all because I have Jesus 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I did it my way! • I deserve every aspect of this success. • I will die if I lose any of this success. It is the source of my significance.

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• I must decrease that He will increase	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• I will promote myself at all costs.
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Jesus Christ himself was HUMBLE:

“Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and **humble in heart**, and you will find rest for your souls.” Matthew 11:29

So JC seeks after His own kind:

“Has not my hand made all these things, and so they came into being?” declares the Lord." This is the one I esteem: he who is **humble** and contrite in spirit, and trembles at my word.” Isaiah 66:2

That’s why God chose Moses. He is a humble man. According to Numbers 12:3, “Now Moses was a very humble man, more humble than anyone else on the face of the earth.”

And God promotes the humble:

“For the Lord takes delight in his people; he **crowns the humble** with salvation.” Psalm 149:4

“Humble yourselves before the Lord, and **he will lift you up.**” James 4:10

God humbles the Proud:

“**He mocks proud mockers** but gives **grace** (favor) to the humble.” Proverbs 3:34

Day Eighteen

Living my Vision

Words to Heartify:

- “Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.” James 4:10

Prayer points:

- Lord, help me to remember that everything I do in my flesh will pass away, but that everything I do in the strength and will of the Lord will remain forever.

Mission to consider:

- Today, consider your ways, and make sure you are fully relying on God, and giving Him all the glory.

Reward or Rebuke?

Therefore **judge** nothing before the appointed time; wait till the Lord comes.
He will bring to light what is hidden in darkness and will expose the motives of men's hearts. At that time each will receive his praise from God.

I Corinthians 4:5

Day 19

VII. REWARDING STAGE:

Even the worldly CEOs can, by using all the wisdom and discipline, acquire success and even RETAIN them. But only REWARD is for those who did it for God in His ways.

What is your definition of a Great Pastor? My friend asked one old and wise pastor. His answer? "One who ensures a great reward in heaven for his followers at whatever cost!"

Success itself is not a Reward. We will receive a great reward after we live a whole life successfully. "Therefore **judge** nothing before the appointed time; wait till the Lord comes. He will bring to light what is hidden in darkness and will expose the motives of men's hearts. At that time each will receive his praise from God." I Corinthians 4:5

Paul said that he presses "on toward the goal to win the **prize** for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus." Philip. 3:14 What is this Prize? In Greek, **brabeion**, is an **award**, i.e., a prize in the public games. Jesus Christ does not hand over the Reward in secrete. No, he does it Publicly! It is displayed! He will put you on the center stage.

It is a heavenly reward. And you get to keep it forever and ever and ever
You are honored forever and ever and ever. Think about that! Hallelujah!

There are TWO kinds of REWARD:

Reward given at this time. (NOW ...)

"I tell you the truth," Jesus replied, "no one who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and the gospel ³⁰will fail to receive a **hundred times** as much in **this present age** (homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and fields--and with them, persecutions) and in the age to come, eternal life.

Mark 10:29-30

Reward at the end (& LATER)

And Later is more valuable!

"He (Moses) regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of **greater value** than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his **reward**." Hebrews 11:26

When Jesus comes back he will give us REWARD

"Behold, I am coming soon! My **reward** is with me, and I will give to everyone according to what he has done. Rev. 22:12

There is a difference in SIZE of REWARD. Not all REWARDS are SAME -

"Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you. " Matthew 5:12

I want to be a great pastor by making sure that all of you will receive great REWARD in heaven. So, you must know few things about how REWARD system works.

Day Nineteen

Fruit of my Vision

Words to Heartify:

- "Behold, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to everyone according to what he has done. Revelation 22:12

Prayer points:

- Teach me to know who YOU are LORD! To diligently seek you that YOU will reward me. Lord, no matter the cost, may I throw many crowns at your feet when I finally see You!

Mission to consider:

- Jesus said to store up for ourselves treasures in heaven. The only thing we can take to Heaven is people. Today, ask yourself "is my life rewarding Christ and myself by adding souls to the Kingdom of God?"

Day 20

How is my reward evaluated? By FIRE!

Our reward is JUDGED by the FIRE:

"If any man builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, ¹³his work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with **fire**, and the fire will test the quality of each man's work. ¹⁴If what he has built survives, he will receive his **reward**." 1 Cor. 3:12-14

What you **DO** is very important at REWARD stage. The size of your REWARD is decided by you DO's on earth:

"I the Lord search the heart and examine the mind, to reward a man according to his **conduct**, according to what his **deeds** deserve." Jeremiah 17:10

I did NOT say that your REDEMPTION is decided by your DO's. You are redeemed by the blood of Christ and what he has done on the cross. But as far as the REWARD goes, it goes completely by your DO's.

What kinds of DO's count?

Everything counts - both small and large:

"I tell you the truth, anyone who gives you a **cup of water** in my name because you belong to Christ will certainly not lose his reward." Mark 9:41

Your Doing in secret.

"Be careful not to do your 'acts of righteousness' before men, to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven. ²"So when you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honored by men. I tell you the truth, they have received their *reward* in full. ³But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, ⁴so that your giving

may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will **reward** you. Matthew 6:1-4

Therefore, whatever you do - DO it unto the LORD.

But there is a way to disqualify our reward:

One: If MOTIVE is to show before man.

"Be careful not to do your 'acts of righteousness' before men, to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven." Matthew 6:1

"When you fast, do not look somber as the hypocrites do, for they disfigure their faces to show men they are fasting. I tell you the truth, they have received their reward in full." Matthew 6:16

We can disqualify for the Reward.

Paul took the rule of disqualification seriously - even in his own spiritual journey:

"Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the **prize**? Run in such a way as to get the prize. ²⁵Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last; but we do it to get a crown that will last forever. ²⁶Therefore I do not run like a man running aimlessly; I do not fight like a man beating the air. ²⁷No, I beat my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be **disqualified** for the **prize**."

I Corinthians 9:24-27

Underline Principle of Reward:

Is it pleasing to the Lord? Am I pleasing God? Do I make God happy?

Solomon's thousand offering was pleasing to the Lord - so he received a great reward on earth.

"Seek ye first the Kingdom of God (It is pleasing the Lord)... all these things will be added onto you. (reward on earth)." Matthew 6:33

Day Twenty

Fruit of my Vision

Words to Heartify:

- "I the Lord search the heart and examine the mind, to reward a man according to his conduct, according to what his deeds deserve." Jeremiah 17:10

Prayer points:

- Father, give me the faith today to run after those things that YOU want me to qualify for. Give me the abilities I need to see Your Kingdom come on earth as it is in Heaven.

Mission to consider:

- Make a list of things that you are doing right now that pleases God.

- Make a list of things that you are doing right now that may disqualify you from receiving the Reward. Pray and plan a way to overcome these issues.

Day 21

“Where there is no vision, the people cast off restraint...
Proverbs 29:18 a

Congratulation! You’ve come to the last day. Let’s spend this day in review of all that we’ve studied together.

Review:

Vision to Reality in Seven ‘R’ Stages:

1. **Revelation**
2. **Realization**
3. **Responding**
4. **Responsible**
5. **Reaping**
6. **Retaining**
7. **Rewarding**

Proverbs 29:18 states that without Vision people will perish. Jesus will reveal what our destiny is, and determine what our reward will consist of - empowering us to move from our Revelation to our Reward. This is our Vision to Reality. Where there is vision, people will prosper!

May you finish and see the Vision God gave you become Reality in your life!

Day Twenty One
Vision to Reality

Words to Heartify:

- “Where there is no vision, the people cast off restraint.” Proverbs 29:18 a

Prayer points:

- LORD, as this quest of 21 days concludes, change me and let my life be set on a course of Your vision for my life.

Mission to consider:

- Have you ever walked through an old grave yard before? What do you want written on your epitaph? Get focused on your life’s mission to leave a legacy of faith, hope, and love in the earth.