



From Vision to Faith

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Who should have a vision

- **We all should**

Why should we have a vision?

Proverbs 29:18 (The Message)

18 If people can't see what God is doing, they stumble all over themselves; But when they attend to what he reveals, they are most blessed.

Proverbs 29:18 (New Living Translation)

18 When people do not accept divine guidance, they run wild. But whoever obeys the law is joyful.

When Does My Vision End?

- **Never – Your Governing Values are always a work in progress.**

What is the Purpose of My Vision?

- **For God to get the Glory**

Daniel 3:28-29 (The Message)

28 Nebuchadnezzar said, "Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego! He sent his angel and rescued his servants who trusted in him! They ignored the king's orders and laid their bodies on the line rather than serve or worship any god but their own.

29 "Therefore I issue this decree: Anyone anywhere, of any race, color, or creed, who says anything against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego will be ripped to pieces, limb from limb, and their houses torn down. There has never been a god who can pull off a rescue like this."

- **To help others**

Genesis 45:5-8 (The Message)

4-8 "Come closer to me," Joseph said to his brothers. They came closer. "I am Joseph your brother whom you sold into Egypt. But don't feel badly, don't blame yourselves for selling me. God was behind it. God sent me here ahead of you to save lives. There has been a famine in the land now for two years; the famine will continue for five more years—neither plowing nor harvesting. God sent me on ahead to pave the way and make sure there was a remnant in the land, to save your lives in an amazing act of deliverance. So you see, it wasn't you who sent me here but God. He set me in place as a father to Pharaoh, put me in charge of his personal affairs, and made me ruler of all Egypt.



Genesis 45:5-8 (Amplified Bible)

5But now, do not be distressed and disheartened or vexed and angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me ahead of you to preserve life. 6For these two years the famine has been in the land, and there are still five years more in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. 7God sent me before you to preserve for you a posterity and to continue a remnant on the earth, to save your lives by a great escape and save for you many survivors. 8So now it was not you who sent me here, but God; and He has made me a father to Pharaoh and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt.

How Do I Attempt to Accomplish My Vision?

- Make a decision to go over my governing values
- Envision it
- Write it down

Habbakuk 2:2-3

And then God answered: "Write this. Write what you see. Write it out in big block letters so that it can be read on the run. This vision-message is a witness pointing to what's coming. It aches for the coming—it can hardly wait! And it doesn't lie. If it seems slow in coming, wait. It's on its way. It will come right on time.

- Put a plan together
- Set goals
- Take action (James 2:26)
- Don't give up

Galatians 6:9 (English Standard Version)

9And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.

Galatians 6:9 (The Message)

9-10So let's not allow ourselves to get fatigued doing good. At the right time we will harvest a good crop if we don't give up, or quit. Right now, therefore, every time we get the chance, let us work for the benefit of all, starting with the people closest to us in the community of faith.