



Part #1 God Burden

Vision Is Looking Beyond What Is And Seeing A Picture Of What Could Or Should Be

- Vision Brings **PASSION**
- Vision Brings **MOTIVATION**
- Vision Brings **DIRECTION**
- Vision Brings **PURPOSE**

Where there is no vision, the people are unrestrained, Proverbs 29:18

God's Blueprint For Discovering Your Personal Life Vision

1. NEHEMIAH WAS AWARE OF WHAT GOD WAS UP TO IN **HISTORY**

And I asked them concerning the Jews who escaped, who had survived the exile, and concerning Jerusalem.
Nehemiah 1:2

2. NEHEMIAH WAS **CONCERNED** WITH THE THINGS THAT CONCERNED GOD

As soon as I heard these words I sat down and wept and mourned for days, and I continued
fasting and praying before the God of heaven. Nehemiah 1:4

3. IN THE **TENSION** OF WRESTLING WITH WHAT WAS AND WHAT SHOULD BE, GOD BIRTHED A VISION FOR NEHEMIAH'S LIFE

O Lord, let your ear be attentive to the prayer of your servant, and to the prayer of your servants who delight to fear your name,
and give success to your servant today, and grant him mercy in the sight of this man." Now I was cupbearer to the king.
Nehemiah 1:11

Are You Concerned With What God Is Concerned With?

- GOD IS CONCERNED WITH **REPENTANCE**

Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over
ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. Luke 15:7

- WHEN YOU BECOME A CHRISTIAN YOU GIVE UP THE ***RIGHT*** TO LIVE OUT OF YOUR OWN VISION

You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. 1 Corinthians 6:19-20
- THE ***DEGREE*** TO WHICH THE THINGS THAT CONCERN GOD CONCERN YOU, IS THE DEGREE TO WHICH GOD WILL BIRTH VISION FOR YOUR LIFE.

Digging Deeper:

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- Life without vision often leaves us wondering; did I end up where I was supposed to be? Have there ever been times or seasons in your life when your life lacked clear vision? Explain
- On the other hand life with vision, brings passion, motivation, direction and purpose. Have you seen this dynamic at work in your life? Explain.
- What do you think is the difference between human goals and God vision?
- Discuss the statement: "*When you become a Christian you give up the right to live out of your own vision*" Do you agree or disagree? Why?
- Read Nehemiah chapter 1 again. What stand out to you in the story?
- Nehemiah ends chapter 1 by telling us "*I was a cupbearer to the king.*" Do you find this detail in anyway relevant to you and God's vision for your life? Explain.
- Has your heart ever broken over the things that break God's heart?
- Discuss the statement: "*The degree to which the things that concern God concern you, is the degree to which God will birth vision*"
- List some of the things that you think God is concerned about.

Sources:

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