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CAST YOUR VISION

Quote: *"The only thing worse than being blind is having sight but no vision"* – **Helen Keller** -

Walking along a path without a clear vision makes anyone uncomfortable because they love to be in control of their journey. But come to think of it, in our world, many people in their daily lives walk in darkness.

The darkness I refer to in this situation is the lack of a clear vision for one's life. What one wants to achieve in their life. What talents they have and how to develop them so as to serve **humanity**. This is because talents are not meant only to benefit the bearer but are specifically planted in each person to serve the world. When talents are utilized as prescribed by God, they make the holder happy and the world a better place. Many people live out their days not doing much or doing something that does not make them satisfied or happy.

Every person entered this world to fill a spot in a huge puzzle that God created. You have a spot too, and it can never be occupied by any other person, as they will not fit. Every spot in a puzzle has a unique shape; only one person can mold himself or herself into the form of that spot. That person is you. *Dr. Myles Munroe said "I think the greatest gift God ever gave a man is not the gift of sight but the gift of vision."* **Sight is the function of the eyes, but vision is the function of the heart."**

To be successful in your life, you need to have a clear vision of what it is exactly you want to be or what it is that you want to accomplish. Your life vision has to be clear and precise. Any lack of clarity in your vision will cause missteps and wastage of time as you try to accomplish it.

People become successful in their lives because they have sought clarity for their vision. They know what they want, and they follow their dreams. A person with vague aspirations will end up with vague results and will always be unhappy with his life.

All people are born leaders, and the least number of followers a leader can have is one, and that one is you. You can lead yourself to glory or destruction, happiness or sadness. I can assure you that success does not make you happy but rather happiness is that will bring you success.

Your vision and actions have to be well aligned. Vision without action is a mere dream and action without vision is wastage of resources, but when vision is well aligned with action, great things can be accomplished. It is not by accident that some people become successful in what they do. It is what they are born to do.

If you can tune into your purpose, really align with it and set goals so that your vision is an expression of that purpose, then life will flow much more smoothly. Developing a vision will require you to dig deep into your soul and find your life's purpose. This process requires time. You need set aside time for **meditation**.

Be daring, be different, be impractical, be anything that will assert integrity of purpose, and imaginative vision against the play-it-safers, the creatures of the commonplace, the slaves of the ordinary.

Make your vision big! *Nelson Mandela said that 'there is no passion for being found playing small – in settling for a life that is less than the one you are capable of living. Do not worry if your dream seems to be too big to be accomplished, because all significant developments in the history of humanity are a result of brave people, those who pursued dreams that were thought to be impossible. Your vision has to be extraordinary. Most people failed in life not because they aimed too high and missed, because they aimed too low and hit!*

The first step toward creating an improved future is developing the ability to envision it. Vision will ignite the fire of passion that fuels our commitment to do whatever it takes to achieve excellence. Vision has no boundaries and knows no limits. ***"Our vision is what we become in life."*** Tony Dungy

As stated by Jack Welch, "Good business leaders create a vision, articulate the vision, passionately own the vision, and relentlessly drive it to completion."

You, also must develop your life vision and implement it so that when you stand at the end of your life and look back, you can proudly say with absolute confidence that, "I lived my life in such a way that I was true to the very essence of who I was meant to be."