

DEVELOPING A LIFE VISION OF FAITH

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Seeing Your Future With Faith Versus Fear

And so, King Agrippa, I obeyed that vision from heaven. Acts 26:19

"What could I do, King Agrippa? I couldn't just walk away from a vision like that! I became an obedient believer on the spot. Acts 26:19 (MSG)

"Where there is no vision, the people perish."

Proverbs 29:18a (KJV)

An Unclear Vision Leads To:

- I) _____
Their loyalty is divided between God and the world, & they are unstable in everything they do.
James 1:8
- II) _____
When the country is in chaos, everybody has a plan to fix it— But it takes a leader of real understanding to straighten things out. Proverbs 28:2 (MSG)
- III) _____
Cling to your faith in Christ, and keep your conscience clear. For some people have deliberately violated their consciences; as a result, their faith has been shipwrecked. 1 Timothy 1:19

²² "Your eye is a lamp that provides light for your body. When your eye is good, your whole body is filled with light. ²³ But when your eye is bad, your whole body is filled with darkness. And if the light you think you have is actually darkness, how deep that darkness is!

Matthew 6:22-23

Numbers 13-14

Looking at the Future With Fear Causes Problems:

- I) I overemphasize the _____ in my life.
This was their report to Moses: "We entered the land you sent us to explore, and it is indeed a bountiful country—a land flowing with milk and honey. Here is the kind of fruit it produces. ²⁸ But the people living there are powerful, and their towns are large and fortified. We even saw giants there, the descendants of Anak! Numbers 13:27-28
- II) I pay too much _____ to what other people are doing.

The Amalekites live in the Negev, and the Hittites, Jebusites, and Amorites live in the hill country. The Canaanites live along the coast of the Mediterranean Sea and along the Jordan Valley.” Numbers 13:29

III) I underestimate the _____ that God has given me.

- A) But the other men who had explored the land with him disagreed. “We can’t go up against them! They are stronger than we are!” Numbers 13:31
- B) So they spread this bad report about the land among the Israelites: “The land we traveled through and explored will devour anyone who goes to live there. All the people we saw were huge. We even saw giants there, the descendants of Anak. Next to them we felt like grasshoppers, and that’s what they thought, too!” Numbers 13:32-33

IV) I infect others with my _____.

- A) So they spread this bad report about the land among the Israelites: “The land we traveled through and explored will devour anyone who goes to live there. All the people we saw were huge. Numbers 13:32
- B) Oh, the joys of those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or stand around with sinners, or join in with mockers. But they delight in the law of the LORD, meditating on it day and night. Psalm 1:1-2
- C) Don’t call everything a conspiracy, like they do, and don’t live in dread of what frightens them. Isaiah 8:12

V) I make myself _____.

- A) Then the whole community began weeping aloud, and they cried all night. Their voices rose in a great chorus of protest against Moses and Aaron. “If only we had died in Egypt, or even here in the wilderness!” they complained. Numbers 14:1-2
 - 1) Your _____ increases.
 - 2) Your _____ increases.
 - 3) You start second guessing your _____.
 - 4) You want to go _____.

The Antidote: Develop a Life Vision of _____

- I) But Caleb tried to quiet the people as they stood before Moses. “Let’s go at once to take the land,” he said. “We can certainly conquer it!” Numbers 13:30
- II) ⁶ Two of the men who had explored the land, Joshua son of Nun and Caleb son of Jephunneh, tore their clothing. ⁷ They said to all the people of Israel, “The land we traveled through and explored is a wonderful land! ⁸ And if the LORD is pleased with us, he will bring us safely into that land and give it to us. It is a rich land flowing with milk and honey. ⁹ Do not rebel against the LORD, and don’t be afraid of the people of the land. They are only helpless prey to us! They have no protection, but the LORD is with us! Don’t be afraid of them!” Numbers 14:6-9

III) What shall we say about such wonderful things as these? If God is for us, who can ever be against us? Romans 8:31

IV) So we see that because of their unbelief they were not able to enter his rest. Hebrews 3:19

Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, unless you are born again, you cannot see the Kingdom of God."

John 3:3

Jesus responded, "Didn't I tell you that you would see God's glory if you believe?" John 11:40