

Write Down Your Vision Worksheet

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In Habbakuk 2:2-3 God instructs us to do four things to be successful in life: Write Our Vision, Read Our Vision, Recite Our Vision, and Run With Our Vision.

*"2 And the LORD answered me, and said, **Write the vision**, and make it plain upon tables, that he may **run** that **readeth** it. 3 For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall **speak**, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry."*

Write down the vision for your life.

Read and reread your vision.

Recite your vision often.

Run with your vision by taking decisive steps towards the goal.

A famous university once did a survey of its graduating class and found that only 3% of its students had written down their life goals on a piece of paper. Some twenty years later, the same university did another survey of that same graduating class and found that only 3% of that graduating class had met their career and financial goals in life. You guessed it... the exact same students who had written down their goals on paper their senior year.

Proverbs 29:18 KJV says, "Where there is no vision, the people perish!" Another version says, "When the people have no vision, they run aimlessly!"

I suggest printing and prayerfully filling out this worksheet which includes a 12 Month Goal section, a 5 Year Goal section, and a 20 Year Goal section.

Don't be afraid to write down concrete goals and even set suspenses for their accomplishment. Its easier for God to adjust you as you move towards what you presently believe would be pleasing to Him, than it is for Him to guide you if you have no goals. (A moving ship's course can easily be adjusted by a gentle touch of the helm, but a ship safely docked cannot change direction as it is standing still.) You can always REVISE your goals as you go and grow. I encourage young people to establish their goals early, first as a very young child, then again as a pre-teen, then again during high school, and once more after graduation. Many young people waste precious time in their early years and get locked into some kind of employment, vocation, profession, or career that they never really intended on, because of failure to set goals, failure to WRITE DOWN THEIR VISION! A vision for your life not only DEFINES WHERE YOU'RE HEADING but also REFINES THAT WHICH YOU WILL REFUSE TO SETTLE FOR. People often sacrifice OPPORTUNITY in exchange for temporary SECURITY, only to regret it in their latter years. Often people sacrifice God's BEST for their lives on the altar of GOOD, because of temporary need or convenience, rather than long term foresight, fulfillment and satisfaction. People often opt for less than God's Very Best for their lives because of laziness, procrastination, or stubborn refusal to fight off their inferiority complex. Other people never dream or set goals for their lives because they are afraid they will not be able to accomplish them, or that they might be setting the wrong goals. But consider these three famous quotes: You are a champion in the art of living if you reach only 65% of your goals. - Maxwell Maltz. Success is not perfection; success is slightly above average. - Author Unknown. Success is a journey, not a destination. - Ben Sweetland. Also see my booklet *THOUGHTS ON THE TWELVE SPIES* for more inspiration on goal setting and possessing your God-given promised land and destiny! By the way, one way to tell whether a goal, dream, or idea is from God is to understand the following: That which is from God, COMES INTO YOUR HEART, STAYS IN YOUR HEART over time, and GROWS IN YOUR HEART over time, rather than diminishing. Also consider these thoughts out of my prayer time: Without an

AIM, you're going to stay the SAME! Without a GOAL, the year is DULL! Set a suspense or pay the expense! List It -or- Lose It! People who are listless refuse to write down a LIST. That which you write about the most, talk about the most, pray about the most, think about the most, dream about the most... is EXACTLY where you'll end up! Don't REPRESS your dreams; EXPRESS your dreams. Burying your highest desires will only quench your hottest fires!

Though not required, you may wish to fast and pray by skipping a few meals as you prayerfully ask God to help you set your goals. I recommend establishing and/or revising your goals each year between Thanksgiving and Christmas. Waiting till the new year is too late.

MY VISION FOR THE NEXT 12 MONTHS:

I. Spiritual Goals with Deadlines:

A. Personal

B. Church

C. Family

II. Career/Calling Goals With Deadlines:

III. Financial Goals with Deadlines:

IV. Health/Fitness Goals with Deadlines:

BONUS: The Seven Pillars Of Wisdom Of Proverbs 9:1-5

- 1. ADVANCE PREPARATION*
- 2. ORDERLY ORGANIZATION*
- 3. WISE DELEGATION*
- 4. STRATEGIC ADVERTIZATION (STRATEGIC COMMUNICATION)*
- 5. IRRESISTABLE INVITATION*
- 6. LEADERSHIP REPARATION (MANAGEMENT ATTENTION)*
- 7. TRAINING INFORMATION*

MY VISION FOR THE NEXT 5 YEARS:

I. Spiritual Goals with Deadlines:

A. Personal

B. Church

C. Family

II. Career/Calling Goals With Deadlines:

III. Financial Goals with Deadlines:

IV. Health/Fitness Goals with Deadlines:

MY VISION FOR THE NEXT 20 YEARS:

I. Spiritual Goals with Deadlines:

A. Personal

B. Church

C. Family

II. Career/Calling Goals With Deadlines:

III. Financial Goals with Deadlines:

IV. Health/Fitness Goals with Deadlines:

MY LIFE LONG VISION STATEMENT IN A NUTSHELL!:

**BESIDES MY FAMILY, WHAT THREE CONCRETE THINGS WOULD I LIKE TO ACCOMPLISH
IN MY ENTIRE LIFETIME?:**

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