

A WOMAN OF VISION IN THE SEASONS OF HER LIFE

God has a great vision for His creation. It encompasses every living thing and covers the expanse of the heavens and earth. He invites us to share in this incredible vision to reconcile all things to Himself. A woman's life is multivariate, with changing roles as she moves across her life. How do we as women understand God's call on our lives across the seasons of our lives?

Defining Vision

1. How would you define vision?

What are some synonyms for vision?

2. Scripture helps us to develop a sense of what vision looks like. How do the following verses help you to understand the kind of vision God wants us to have?

II Kings 6:15-17

I Corinthians 7:32-34

Deuteronomy 5:32

Hebrews 12:2

Joshua 24:15

Write your new definition of vision.

3. What is the purpose of vision in the life of a believer?

Proverbs 29:18

I Corinthians 9:24-27

John 21:15-17

Luke 9:62

How might having this kind of vision impact your life as a disciple?

Men and Women of Vision

We can learn a lot from observing the lives of men and women of vision. The way they thought about their lives can stimulate our own understanding of the role of vision in our lives.

4. Jesus came to His life on earth with a sense of mission. As God His vision was to begin the process of reconciling men and women to Himself. These verses reveal how Jesus understood His vision.

Matthew 9:9-13

Matthew 9:35-38

Luke 19:10

Luke 7:18-23

John 4:34

John 17:18, 23

Summarize Jesus' vision for His life on earth.

Jesus' assessment at the end of His life.

John 17:4

5. The apostle Paul also had a strong vision for his life. What do we learn about his sense of vision from these verses?

Philippians 1:20-21

Vision is the insight God provides to instruct you and direct your paths. And unless you have a clear picture – from Him – of where you're headed your chances of a successful journey are severely limited at best.

--George Barna

Philippians 3:7-10

Romans 10:1

Romans 15:20

Summarize Paul's vision for his life.

Paul's assessment at the end of his life.

II Timothy 4:7-8

6. You can tell what a person's vision is by looking at their actions and how they invest their lives. What are these women using their time for? What can you observe about their vision from what you see them doing?

Mary of Bethany
Luke 10:38-42

Ruth
Ruth 1:16, 2:2, 3:1-3

Lydia
Acts 16:14-15, 40

Proverbs 31

The Special Role of Women

God's strategy for implementing His vision is spiritual multiplication. Women have the special role of being able to bear physical children. God wants us all to have physical children. Because of this connection with physical multiplication women have a special connection to bearing spiritual children.

7. For women, the inability to bear children physically is especially painful. A couple of women in scripture were keenly aware of this.

Genesis 30:1

I Samuel 1:10-16

Isaiah 26:17-18

8. God gives women the special promise that even if they are unable to bear physical children they can reproduce spiritually.

Isaiah 54:1-3

Isaiah 62:3-5

Psalms 45:10-17

9. How do these verses speak to you as a woman?

Personal Vision

Take a moment to write some thoughts about your personal vision. What verses have spoken to you in particular ways?