

Being Wise and Faithful Stewards Over Vision



Proverbs 29:18

- **Review – Lesson # 1 - “Being Wise and Faithful Stewards” - (1 Cor. 4:1-2).**
- **I am living life to the fullest because I live by the “Principle of Stewardship.”**
- **Stewardship must be a lifestyle.**
- **There are five things we must know and understand.**
 - A. The author of stewardship is God (Stewardship began with God and it will end with God).**
 - B. The attitude of stewardship is gratitude.**
 - C. The authority of stewardship is the Word of God.**
 - D. The adversary of stewardship is Satan.**
 - E. The accountability of stewardship.**
- **Lesson #2 – Wise and Faithful Stewards Over Opportunities – Eph. 5:15-17**
- **We must know how to see and seize opportunities.**
- **What are the opportunities we must steward in this 21st century?**
 - 1. Opportunity to walk in wisdom by looking around and watching every step (v. 15).**
 - 2. Opportunity to evangelize (v. 16).**
 - 3. Opportunity to know the will of God (v. 17).**

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- **“Where there is no vision [no redemptive revelation of God], the people perish; but he who keeps the law [of God, which includes that of man] – blessed (happy, fortunate, and enviable) is he.” (Amplified Bible)**
- **“Without revelation people run wild but one who follows divine instruction will be happy” (Christian Standard).**
- **“Vision” means “revelation.”**
- **Vision of Love & Faith – “To equip the saints of God for the work of ministry.”**

- **What is vision? Spiritual vision is a gift of God.**
 1. **It is a divinely empowered ability to see something that doesn't yet exist in the physical realm.**
 2. **Vision is seeing the future before it comes into being.**
 3. **It is a mental picture of your completed assignment.**
 4. **It is the ability to see farther than your physical eyes can look.**

- **Vision is the source and hope of life.**
- **Throughout the Bible we see examples of God giving spiritual vision to ordinary people such as Noah, Abraham, and Moses.**
- **A vision from God always requires patience (Heb. 2:2-4).**

- **Three things that happen while we wait.**
 1. **The vision must mature in us (2 Thess. 3:13).**
 2. **We must mature in preparation for vision.**
 3. **God is at work behind the scenes preparing the way.**
- **Look at three men that had to mature for vision: Noah, Abraham, and Moses.**

- **God speaks to us today through four means:**
 1. **He gives instructions and direction through His Word.**
 2. **He converses with us in prayer.**
 3. **He guides our thinking through His Spirit.**
 4. **He speaks to us through the gifts of the Spirit.**
- **Each one of us is on a journey; going through time on a course that begins at a point of God's choosing and ends at a juncture known only to Him.**

- **Three reasons to have spiritual vision.**
 1. **We need vision to find our way on life's journey.**
 2. **We need vision to keep our focus on life's goal.**
 3. **We need vision to set our hearts on life's reward.**