

What Is Your Vision For 2022?

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Scripture: Habakkuk 3:18-19

18 Yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will joy in the God of my salvation.

19 The LORD God *is* my strength, and he will make my feet like hinds' *feet*, and he will make me to walk upon mine high places. To the chief singer on my stringed instruments.

Habakkuk 2:1-2 KJV

1 I will stand upon my watch, and set me upon the tower, and will watch to see what he will say unto me, and what I shall answer when I am reprov'd.

2 And the LORD answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make *it* plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it.

Summary: Do you know what God's vision and will for your ministry focus is for the NewYear of 2022?

Pastor, teacher, deacon, parent, and disciple: you need to know God's plan for how He desires for you to serve in His Kingdom for the NewYear.

Introduction: "Let's Do MORE IN 2022"

I. STAND YOUR WATCH (Ezekiel 3:17)

17 Son of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel: therefore hear the word at my mouth, and give them warning from me.

A. Be alert. (Isaiah 62:6)

6 I have set watchmen upon thy walls, O Jerusalem, *which* shall never hold their peace day nor night: ye that make mention of the LORD, keep not silence,

Watch for opportunities. (Ezekiel 33:6)

6 But if the watchman see the sword come, and blow not the trumpet, and the people be not warned; if the sword come, and take *any* person from among them, he is taken away in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at the watchman's hand.

Listen for communications. (Luke 21:36)

36 Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.

Wait on the Lord. (Isaiah 40:28-31)

28 Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, *that* the everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? *there is* no searching of his understanding.

29 He giveth power to the faint; and to *them that have* no might he increaseth strength.

30 Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall:

31 But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew *their* strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; *and* they shall walk, and not faint.

B. Be ready. (1 Peter 3:15-16)

15 But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and *be* ready always to *give* an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:

16 Having a good conscience; that, whereas they speak evil of you, as of evildoers, they may be ashamed that falsely accuse your good conversation in Christ.

Have the skills necessary to perform your ministry, to accomplish your mission.

C. Be available. (Matthew 24:44-51)

44 Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.

45 Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season?

46 Blessed *is* that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing.

47 Verily I say unto you, That he shall make him ruler over all his goods.

48 But and if that evil servant shall say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming;

49 And shall begin to smite *his* fellowservants, and to eat and drink with the drunken;

50 The lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looketh not for *him*, and in an hour that he is not aware of,

51 And shall cut him asunder, and appoint *him* his portion with the hypocrites: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Be at your post and be available to serve at any time.

II. SEE WHAT GOD SAYS TO YOU (Matthew 7:7)

7 Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:

8 For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

A. Be prayerful.

Speak to God. Ask Him for what you need.

For direction, wisdom, power.

B. Be receptive. (Proverbs 3:5-6)

5 Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.

6 In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

Listen to God. Receive from Him those things that only He can give.

Be willing to obey any order, assignment, task, sacrifice.

C. Be in the Word. (2 Timothy 2:15)

15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

Be familiar with "the Training Manual", the Bible.

III. WRITE THE VISION (Habakkuk 2:2)

2 And the LORD answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make *it* plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it.

A. Be definite.

Specify what is to be done, when, how, where, by whom, for whom, etc.

B. Be communicative.

Tell others, listen to others, and draw upon the wisdom of others.

Safety in many counselors. (Proverbs 27:17)

17 Iron sharpeneth iron; so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend.

C. Be clear.

Articulate, refine, and clarify.

IV. RUN WITH THE VISION (Habakkuk 2:3)

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.

A. Be responsive.

"Put feet to your prayers."

Put hands to your vision. (Luke 9:62)

62 And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.

Apply your vision to everything around you.

B. Be active.

Do it. Your vision will call you to gosomewhere (direction) and to do something(mission). Answer the call.

C. Be diligent. (Galatians 6:9)

9 And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

"No purpose, no direction, no reason"

Progress through it. Don't give up. (Hebrews 12:1-2)

1 Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset *us*, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,

2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of *our* faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

V. LIVE BY FAITH (Habakkuk 2:4)

4 Behold, his soul *which* is lifted up is not upright in him: but the just shall live by his faith.

(2 Corinthians 5:7)

7(For we walk by faith, not by sight:)

**A. Be believing. **

B. Be obedient. >- SUCCESS IN GOD'S EYES. (1 Corinthians 2:9)

9 But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered

into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.

C. Be faithful. (Revelation 2:10)

10 Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast *some* of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.

Someone has commented:

"We have not been called and commanded unto be successful;

He has called and commanded unto be faithful."

WORLD <- SUCCESS -> GOD (Different perspective)

Conclusion: (Habakkuk 3:18-19)

18 No matter what, rejoice in the LORD and joy in the God of your salvation.

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