



LAUNCHING YOUR FAITH **FAITH ALIVE IN THE 21ST CENTURY**

LESSON 12 **A LIVING AND VIBRANT VISION**

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**What kind of *Christian*
do you want to be?**

**What kind of *Christianity*
do you want to live?**

**What kind of *Church*
do you want to have?**

Proverbs 29:18 KJV

**Where there is no vision, the
people perish. [or “dwell
carelessly; without care,
casually]**

I. GOD's HOUSE,
WHERE GOD IS FIRST

Matthew 16:18b
On this rock
I will build My Church

Ephesians 5:23b, 27

***Christ is head of the church...that
He might present it to Himself
a glorious church,
not having spot or wrinkle or any
such thing, but that it should be
holy and without blemish.***

The Local Church is a people who:

- 1) radically and passionately believe in **Jesus** as Lord of all,
- 2) surrendered wholly to Him,
- 3) called out from the world,
- 4) doing *all they can* with *all they are* and with *all their might* to know and love Him,
- 5) live for Jesus and
- 6) be like Him in this world. And His people are doing everything they can to
- 7) bring Jesus and His good news to everyone—and so they can help bring as many to Heaven when it's time for any of us to live, celebrate, and reign with Him in eternity

Believers:

**Those radically changed by
Him, who believe Him,
His Word, and His Holy Spirit,
who yield to Him in
every facet of life.**



II. Seven Pillars or Kingdom Keys to Unlock this Vision



1. WORSHIP

Ex. 20:3 (NKJV) You shall have no other gods before Me.

Matthew 22:36-37 (NKJV) ³⁶ "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?" ³⁷ Jesus said to him, "'You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.'

Matthew 6:33 But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness.

John 4:23

***The hour is coming, and now is,
when the true worshipers will
worship the Father in spirit and
truth; for the Father is
seeking such to worship Him.***

In Spirit: where the Holy Spirit *leads* the way

In Truth: according to His Word



2. WORD

*The **Bible** is His Word of Truth*

Matthew 4:4 (NKJV)

4 But He answered and said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.' "

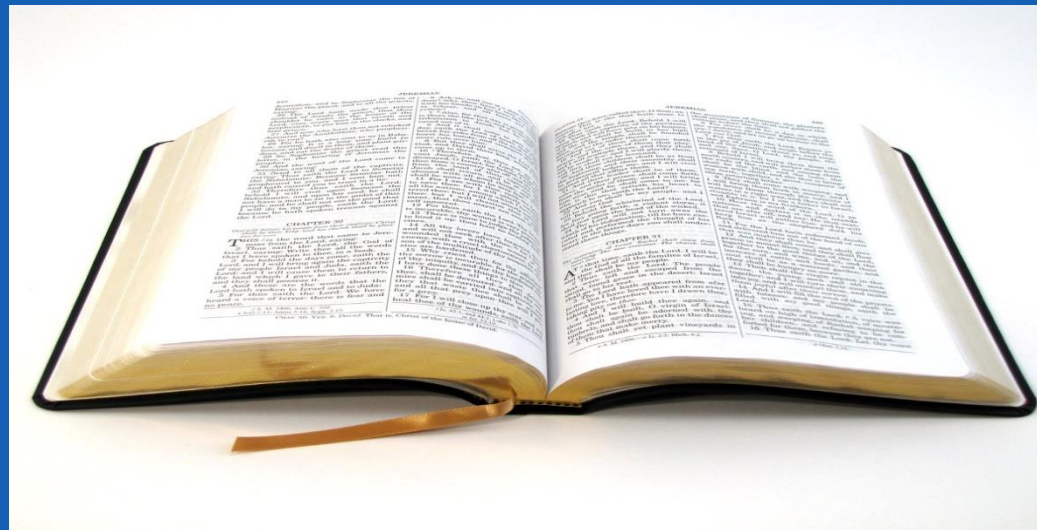
1 Timothy 3:15 (NKJV)

15...I write so that you may know how you ought to conduct yourself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.

John 17:17 (NKJV)

17 Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.

Where do we find His Truth? *His WORD*



Psalm 138:2 (NKJV)

² I will worship toward Your holy temple, and praise Your Name For Your lovingkindness and Your truth; For You have magnified Your word above all Your Name.

2 Timothy 2:15 (KJV)

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

Ephesians 5:26-27 (NKJV)

²⁶ that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, ²⁷ that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish



3. GRACE

Romans 5:17-21 NKJV

17 For if by the one man's offense death reigned through the one, much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ... 19 For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man's obedience many will be made righteous. 20 Moreover the law entered that the offense might abound. But where sin abounded, grace abounded much more, 21 so that as sin reigned in death, even so grace might reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

***Being transformed to be like
Jesus is our goal.***

**We encourage and cheer for
you in spiritual growth.**

Romans 5:20b NIV

20 ...where sin increased, grace increased more,

Romans 5:20b (MSG)

20 ...sin didn't, and doesn't, have a chance in competition with the aggressive forgiveness we call grace. When it's sin versus grace, grace wins hands down.

Romans 8:29 (NKJV)

29 For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son...



4. FAMILY

Matthew 12:48-50 NKJV

48 He answered and said to the one who told Him, "Who is My mother and who are My brothers?" 49 And He stretched out His hand toward His disciples and said, "Here are My mother and My brothers!

50 For whoever does the will of My Father in heaven is My brother and sister and mother."

John 13:35

By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.

Acts 4:32

the multitude of those who believed were of one heart and one soul.

1 Corinthians 1:10

Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.

**Maintain GODLY RELATIONSHIPS—
REFUSE to engage in backbiting and
gossip. Don't listen if someone
has gossip!**

**COLORBLIND! No prejudice, hatred,
bigotry.**

**ANTIOCH—Jew and Gentile,
Worshipping together!
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**Mark 11:17a (NASB) ¹⁷ And He began to
teach and say to them, "Is it not written,
'MY HOUSE SHALL BE CALLED A HOUSE OF
PRAYER FOR ALL THE NATIONS'?"**



5. LOVE, RESTORATION, and FORGIVENESS

***We serve the God of the new
opportunity, a God of grace Who
RESTORES!***

**1 John 4:8 (NKJV) ⁸ He who does not love
does not know God, for God is love.**

**1 Peter 4:8 (NKJV) ⁸ ... have fervent love for
one another, for "love will cover a multitude
of sins."**

**1 Peter 4:8 (Passion) ... constantly echo
God's intense love for one another, for love
will be a canopy over a multitude of sins**

Luke 6:31 (NASB) ³¹ "Treat others the same way you want them to treat you.

Mat 18:21-22 (NKJV) ²¹ Then Peter...said, "Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Up to 7x?" ²² Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to 70x 7.

2 Tim 4:11 (NKJV) ¹¹ Get Mark and bring him...for he is useful to me for ministry.

**(MSG) ¹¹ ... he'll be my right-hand man
(Passion: he is a tremendous help for me in my ministry)**



6. HEALING, PRAYER,
DELIVERANCE, and
MINISTRY RELEASE

Matthew 21:13a NKJV

¹³ ... 'My house shall be called a house of prayer'

Rom 12:15 (NKJV)

**¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice,
weep with those who weep.**

WE BELIEVE GOD FOR *MIRACLES*

**The devil is defeated by Jesus' blood
at the cross and His Resurrection!**

**We proclaim His name and believe in
delivering strength for HIS PEOPLE.**



7. MINISTRY, SERVICE, **EVANGELISM, AND** **OUTREACH**

Proverbs 11:30b He who wins souls is wise.

Is 52:7 How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news

Mark 16:15a"Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

Matthew 28:19a Go therefore and make disciples.

Acts 1:8b You shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.

Matthew 9:37-38 The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore, pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.

Acts 1:8b You shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.

S.F.S.G: *Saved for*
Something GREATER!

Missions

MINISTRY TRAINING—
***EMPOWERED* FOR MINISTRY**

1 Thessalonians 5:12 (KJV)

¹² And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labor among you...

EPI: EVERY PERSON INVOLVEMENT
EVERY PERSON A MINISTER

Ephes. 4:16 (NKJV) ...from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.

Romans 12:6 Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them . . .

**The Five-Fold Ministry and Gifts of
the Spirit are alive and active
today in the 21st Century!**
(CONTINUATION!)

**Ephesians 4:11-12 And He Himself gave
some to be apostles, some prophets, some
evangelists, and some pastors and
teachers, for the equipping of the saints for
the work of ministry, for the edifying of the
body of Christ.**

**The most growth comes to
those most **hungry** for Jesus.**

**Romans 8:29a For whom He foreknew, He
also predestined *to be conformed to the
image of His Son....***

2 Cor. 3:18 (NKJV) But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are *being transformed* into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.

(MsgB) ... so we are transfigured much like the Messiah, our lives gradually becoming brighter and more beautiful as God enters our lives and *we become like him.*

III. HOW DO WE RESPOND TO HIS LIVING AND VIBRANT VISION?

1. CONTINUE in close communion with Jesus

John 15:4-5 Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.

2. CONTINUE daily in His Word

John 8:31b If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed.

Acts 2:42 And they continued steadfastly in the apostle's doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.

3. CONTINUE to attend regularly

Hebrews 10:24-25 ...let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching

4. CONTINUE to press in and be taught

Proverbs 12:1,15b

Whoever loves instruction loves knowledge, but he who hates reproof is stupid . . . he who heeds counsel is wise.

Proverbs 13:20a

He who walks with wise men will be wise.

**5. CONTINUE to have an eager,
fully-**alive** heart attitude**

Colossians 3:23-24

And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, knowing that from the lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ.

Jude 1:3b

Contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints



***Stay close to Him, Keep in Vital
connection to the Home Port—
your home church-8-and hold on
to His
LIVING AND VIBRANT VISION***