

VISION

Vision grows out of character
Character grows out of choices
Choices grow out of values
Values grow out of what you hope in

I. Vision begins with an eternal perspective.

- A. God is eternal. Is. 57:15; 1 Tim. 1:17; Duet. 33:27; Psalm 9:7-8
- B. God's Word is eternal. Psalm 119:89; Is. 40:8; Matt. 5:18; Mark 13:31
- C. Our souls are eternal. Matt. 25:46
- D. We are living for more than just what is here now. 1 Tim. 4:8; 2 Cor. 4:16-18; Eph. 3:11; 2 Tim. 2:10; 1 Pet. 5:10
 - 1. There is a life to come. It does not end with death from this present life.
 - 2. There is a reward in living for that life to come. Heb. 10:35; 11:6, 25-26; Matt. 6:1; Phil. 3:20
"He is no fool who give what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose" Jim Elliott

An eternal perspective has God determining what you will choose to do now, not people. Psalm 90:12; 39:4-5

As we hope in the eternal reward with Christ in heaven we will value that. Then our choices each day will reflect the value we place on that eternity in the presence of God. A vision then grows through the process of making daily choices to seek God and walk with Him and line up your life with the things God teaches you through His Word.

II. Eternal perspective creates character

- A. Single-mindedness Phil. 3:12-14; Psalm 27:4
- B. Availability Acts 20:4; 16:3
- C. Teachability Prov. 19:20; Eccl. 8:15
- D. Endurance Heb. 12:1-3; 1 Cor. 9:23-27
The size of your vision is determined by what it takes to stop you.
- E. Faith Eph. 3:20; Phil. 4:13

Character is who you are in the dark. Integrity is also a major quality which is choosing to do right even when you have the ability to do wrong. Is. 32:8

Character is seen more in reaction than in actions.

Character isn't developed overnight.

Eternal perspective creates character by giving you a light by which to see the best choice to make in a situation. What you choose today will determine your tomorrow.

III. Vision grows from character

- A. What we do with our lives flows out of the kind of lives we have. If we are striving after a godly character, then we will develop the ability to see clearly as God sees which is vision.
- B. A vision is then your life objective as you align with God's purposes and follow Him in working those out in your life.
- C. Begin to pray for God to develop a vision in your life.

Where there is no vision, the people are unrestrained, but happy is he who keeps the law.

Prov. 29:18