

Vision:

Act or power of seeing – imagining



Biblically, vision is often referred to in the sense of the Lord coming to people in visions—a revelation from God. Yes, vision may be revelations and technically, it is being able to physically see, but there is another aspect to vision; being able to image things differently than they are. Deaf-blind activist Helen Keller once said, “It’s a terrible thing to see, and have no vision.” Vision/imagination/creativity is what sets mankind apart from the animals. Another author wrote that “talent hits a target that no one else can hit, genius hits a target no one else can see.” Vision allows us to look to the future and aim for things that may seem out of reach.

Vision is important our walk with the Lord and to our marriage. Our personal vision, where we are going in life, is what can keep us moving forward when circumstances threaten to drag us down. Think of your vision as what it means for your purpose in life to be completed. In this same way, a vision for the future of our marriage can help get us through the tough times that come in every marriage. Proverbs 29:18 says that where there is no vision, the people perish. In other words, where there is no thought of God’s word and the future, people tend to go their own ways. Having a written vision statement individually, and as a couple, has helped my wife and I through many tough times we have faced. Our vision for our marriage is not only live out a healthy, God focused marriage, but to be used by the Lord to see other marriages become healthy, productive, and able to withstand the storms of life.

Author Henry Cloud said that when people have a vision—when they visualize a future, the brain chemically changes and initializes the planning and execution toward that future, It is something wired into us. If we don’t know where we are going, we can’t get there and vision helps us see a future. A defined vision for our marriage provides a direction for us to work toward. As a couple, vision helps us toward oneness as we work together in that direction. Too many couples today race through life aimlessly not having a direction for their lives and marriage. Perhaps today, more than ever, individuals and families need a sense of direction and purpose, a guiding structure in life and a vision provides a compass to point the direction they should go.

What is your vision for your life? Your marriage? What do you want your legacy to be—what you will be remembered for? Take the time as a couple to develop a vision for your lives and marriage.

Helpful Resources: *Fortified Marriages Resource page:* www.fortifiedmarriages.com

Articles to check out:

The Power of Vision for Your Marriage by Jimmy Evans - marriagetoday.com

A Vision for Your Marriage by Susan and Dale Mathis - www.startmarriageright.com

The Power of a Vision by Kris Vallotton - jesusculture.com