

6 | YOUR VISION-DREAMSEED



Throughout the Bible we see examples of God selecting someone whom He can tell His plan for the future. After Pentecost, God the Father made it possible for all His children to look into the future and picture what is to come.

I call this vision seed - you see what God wants to give. That vision is like seed, which you may receive in your piece of ground so that in due time it may bear fruit. This is God's provision for life and multiplication.

God wants to give every person vision dream seed. So you can dream and imagine the future. Every seed needs love and attention before it bears the fruit it is meant for, so does spiritual seed. The vision dream seed that comes from God is sown in your heart and will grow if you believe in it. We discuss six principles that promote growth.

Respect your vision dream seed

What you respect, you attract. If you would like to have good friends, you respect people and show them love. If you want more of the Holy Spirit, respect people who live by the Spirit. If you long for the Ekklesia that Jesus intended, read about it, look for Jesus' thoughts on that Ekklesia. (*Matthew 25:21*)

'You become what you respect. You sow from who you are. What you sow will eventually come up.'

Nurture your desire

Recognize and cherish the desires God gives you. It is easy to think about what you desire. You will always gravitate toward the strongest thought.

Desire is not the same as coveting. Coveting is slavery - it cannot wait, you are driven. Desire can wait. It has patience until something is given and assumes rest.

Yet you also need persistence when you desire something. Through determination and desire for success comes victory. (*Matthew 7:7,8*)

Use your imagination

Imagination is scraped into your soul by God to create images of goals you want to achieve. God gives images that you can cherish, as to Abraham, who was given a promise that he would have as many offspring as there is sand on the beach.

Imagination can be used for both good and bad, but successful people have learned to repeat successful memories in their thinking and play off future images in the process.

If your Ekklesia is not yet as you think it should be, keep going until you achieve what you have imagined. (*Ephesians 3:10-12*)

Set goals

Jesus had a clear goal: to make the Kingdom of God visible on earth and multiply it by teaching 12 apostles.

You, too, need to know what your goal is. Write it down! In it, learn from successful people, who make detailed plans about how they want to achieve their goals step by step.

You won't easily get to the place you want to reach if you don't know exactly where you want to go. And if you don't reach your goals so easily because opposition comes (and it usually does), don't adjust your goals too quickly. This opposition is temporary. Pain passes, but God's principles remain.

Be obedient

Obedience is an important trait for men and women who want to follow God. It is important to learn to know and follow the quiet, inner voice of the Holy Spirit.

Obedience has two variants. The first has a general character: keeping God's instructions for everyone and for all times. The second variant is much more specific: listening to what God says for you, for now. *(Acts 16:6-10)*

God blesses those who obediently listen to the instructions He speaks to them.

Have faith

Faith makes ordinary people special. Faith makes the difference between failure and success. When you believe, you see something that is not yet there. Faith is the seed planted in the earth of your soul that will slowly emerge.

Ekklesias arise by moving on the basis of the faith that is in your heart. They arise when you see your vision seed, when you know where you want to go and in faith take the steps you need to take to get there. *(Hebrews 11:6)*

EXERCISE:

1. Describe your dream you have for your Ekklesia, what does it look like or what will it look like?
2. Which of the six principles listed above are important to you right now to realize your dream?
3. Describe what steps could help you implement the principles. Make a plan for that.
4. What would you like this Ekklesia to be able to do in your home and living environment?



LESSON LEARNED:

That which you respect, you become. What you don't respect, you probably won't become. I do what I can, He does what I cannot do.



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