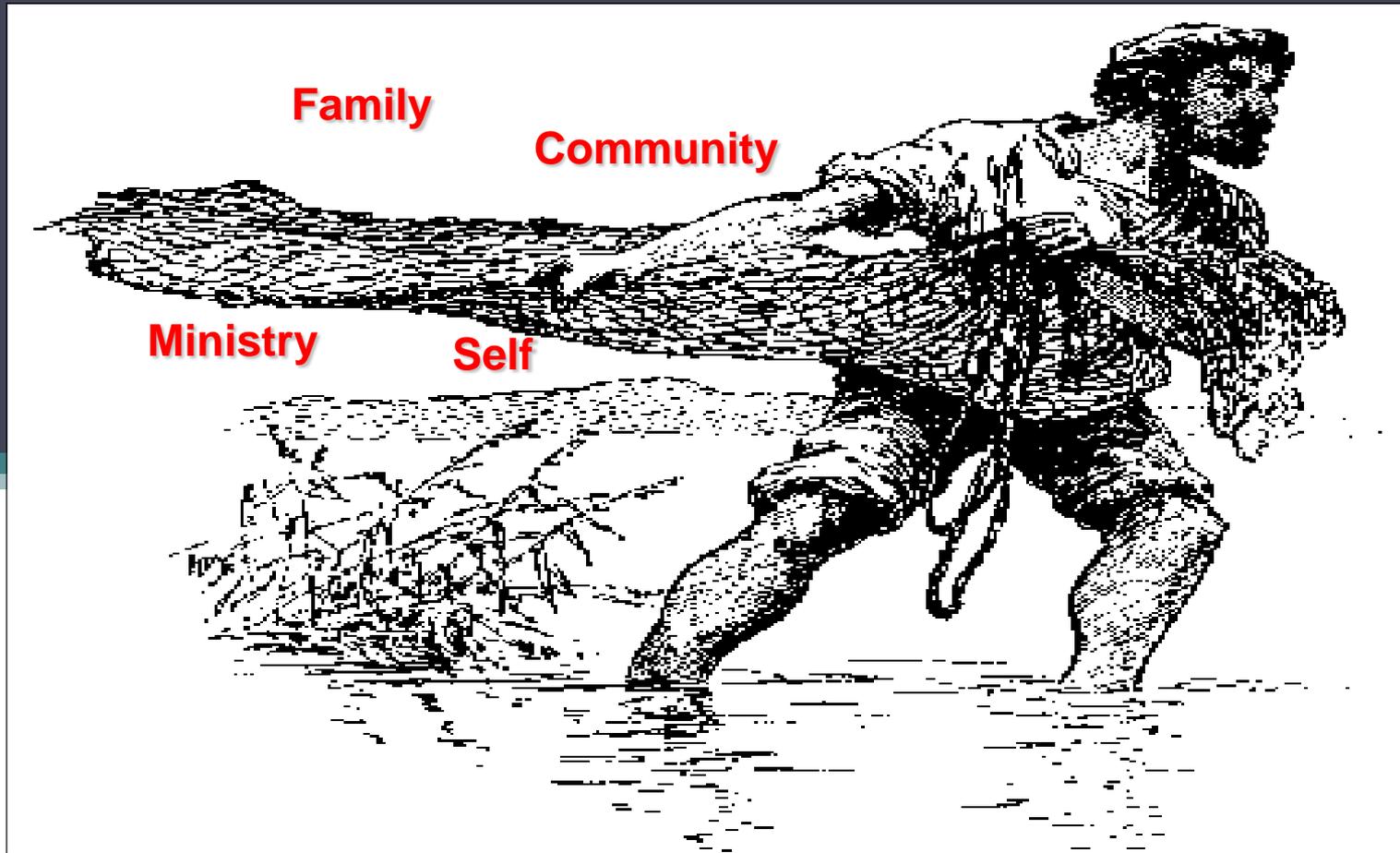


Casting Vision



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Questions

What Do you live by?

- ✓ People
- ✓ Pleasure Principle
- ✓ Position/Property
- ✓ Pants, Seat of – No Vision
- ✓ Purpose
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- A Purposeful Life is a Life in the Spirit

Why Do You Live For?

- ✓ Affirmation
- ✓ Acceptance
- ✓ Approval
- Alignment with the Spirit of God plans and purposes

Do You Have a Vision For Your Life?

Where There is No Vision: **Proverbs 29:18**

- Without an inspired vision people run wild, but blessed are those who follow [God's] teachings
- “No vision” means no “instruction in God’s truth, which was by prophets, through visions.” When the “people perish,” it means they “are deprived of moral restraints.”
- Satan attacks to obscure God’s Word to keep God’s people from having Vision for their lives
- We are to be holding forth the “Word of Life” (Philippians 2:1 6) in our homes our church and our communities

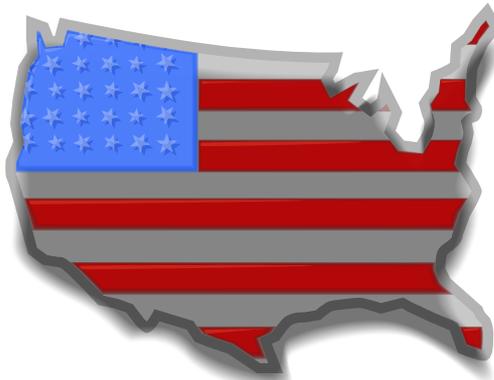


Immorality – Complacency - Hellenism

America is in Chaos, Economically, Socially, and Spiritually



Violent Crimes



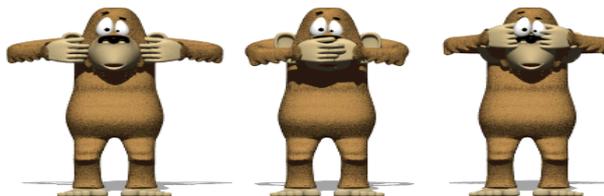
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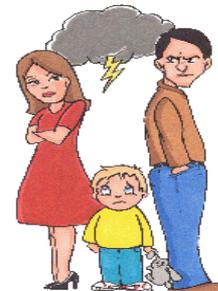
**We need men and women willing to
hear God's Word, speak God's Word,
and Provide Vision for their families,
church, and community**



Social Disorder



Broken Families



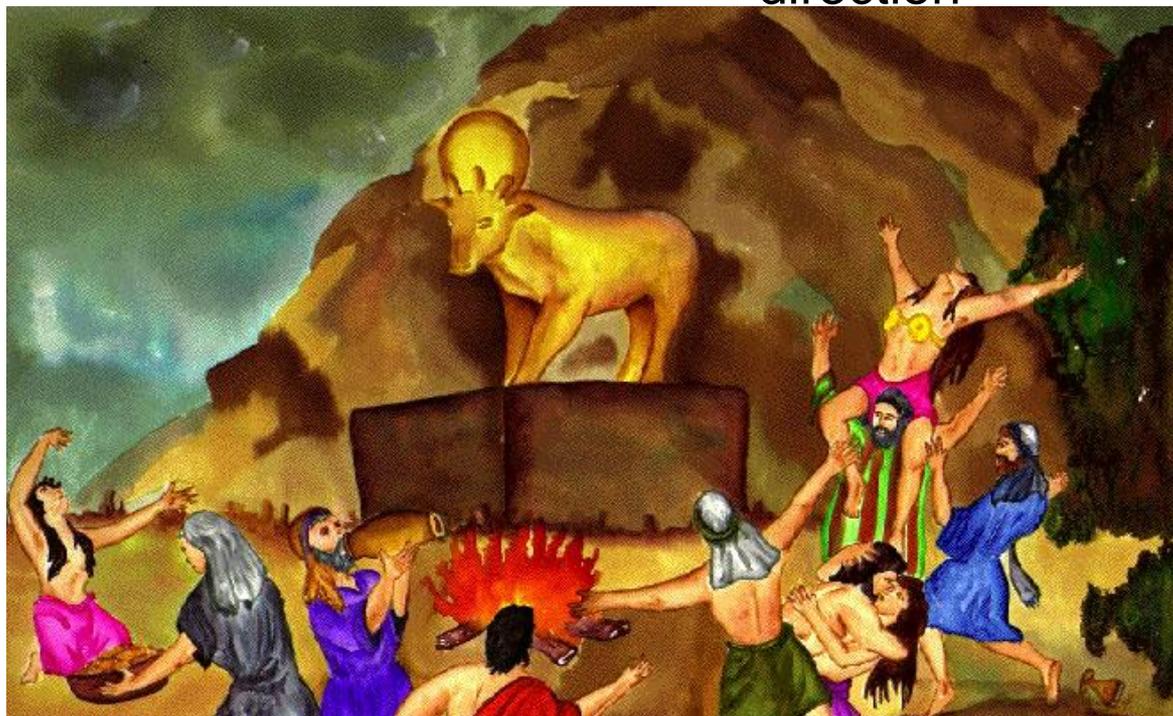
Corruption



Greed

Nehemiah 2:17: Then I said to them, "You see the bad situation we are in, that Jerusalem is desolate and its gates burned by fire. Come, let us rebuild the wall of Jerusalem so that we will no longer be a reproach."

People Associate Leader With the Vision. They expect us as leaders (Father, Mother, Minister, etc.) to provide spiritual and godly vision and direction



Exodus 32:1-7

When Moses (The Visionary) Delayed Coming Down the Mountain, the People Lost All Moral Restraint

Living Restrained in a Unrestrained World

- **Who is providing Vision for our children, our community, our churches, our nation?**
- Titus 2:2: **Older men** are to be temperate, dignified, sensible, sound in faith, in love, in perseverance.
- Titus 2:3-5: **Older women** likewise are to be reverent in their behavior, not malicious gossips nor enslaved to much wine, teaching what is good, so that they may encourage [fn] the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, *to be* sensible, pure, workers at home, kind, being subject to their own husbands, so that the word of God will not be dishonored.
- Titus 2:6: Likewise exhort the young men to **be sober-minded**; the key to survival in a wild and distracting world.
- We should be teaching our children to restrain their appetites, their minds, their bodies, their words, and their habits.

Instead....

- Many parents and churches are abdicating their responsibility to the government and society in providing values and direction for their children
- The Average teen consumes 10 hours of media per day and the philosophy and doctrine it spews
- Our computers, schools, and even churches are consistently infiltrated by liberal media, New Age philosophy, pornography, and an “Anti-Religion” attitude that seeks to affirm selfish, immoral behavior without “judging” people and holding them accountable

Professor Makes Students “Stomp on Jesus”



“NEW AGE” VALUES

PORNOGRAPHY

VIOLENCE



We All Know the Statistics

- Departure from God's morality is the cause of America's widely perceived cultural decline
- 87% of Americans say that they believe in God and 52% believe in God's authoritative Word, **but only 36% believe people should live by God's principles**
- 1 in 3 children today are being raised without a Father
- Nearly half the pregnancies in America are unintended and 4 out of 10 of these are terminated in abortion. There are abortions outside of the Womb now. The Media defines it as the "Woman's Right to Choose"
- Amount of men reading the Bible in a typical day is 41 percent
- At the same time, the mainstay of the church, women are beginning to fall away and can no longer be assumed to be available and willing

Explanation

Where there is no vision of God, there is no fear of God, and where there is no fear of God life becomes cheap.

Without a vision of God people have no identity, no boundaries, no direction, no purpose.

In such a climate people live selfish, without restraint and this leads to self destruction - the people perish.

We Need People of Vision and Purpose

Where There is No vision

- **Why is it that many of us have no God given vision for our lives?**
 - Vision is Obscured by the cares and preoccupations of the world
 - Lack of Expectations – God has a purpose and plan for you. Do you expect to fulfill it?
 - Complacency and Apathy towards God and the needs of others
 - We expect others to provide vision for us and lead us around
 - Loss of Connection with God

What is Vision

- What is vision? Vision is a picture of what God wants to do
- Vision – a divine communication
- God desires for each of us to have a Vision for our life, family, ministry, church
- Without Vision, People lose constraint (perish) – Vision will hold things together, especially in the midst of adversity

No Battle is Successfully Fought without Eyes on the Battlefield

"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."
Ezekiel 3:17

Having Vision is also seeing what is ahead and warning others to prepare for its coming

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"But if the watchman on the wall of vision, and those who are the strength of the Church, are not..."



Write the Vision

- **Cast your eyes** – Forecasting Vision for your family, community, church, and ministry

Habakkuk 2:2 - And the Lord answered me and said, Write the vision and engrave it so plainly upon tablets that everyone who passes may [be able to] read [it easily and quickly] as he hastens by.

Understanding the Vision

- A Vision Unseen is a Vision Unfulfilled
 - You have to see the Vision to fulfill it
- A Written Vision is a Sustained Vision
 - You Must Make the Vision Known
- A practical Vision is an executable Vision
 - You Must Make the Vision Clear
- A Vision is for the future but is dependent upon what you do in the present

What is Casting?

- To throw with force or effort; to look upon (as “casting your eyes upon a person or thing)
- To **move and give motion to**; not with force, but **with attention and for a purpose**
- We cast “Vision” by divine communication (our God-given words) and **give motion to it through our commitment**
- What Vision are you casting for your home, your ministry, your church, your community?

Are You Committed to Your Vision?

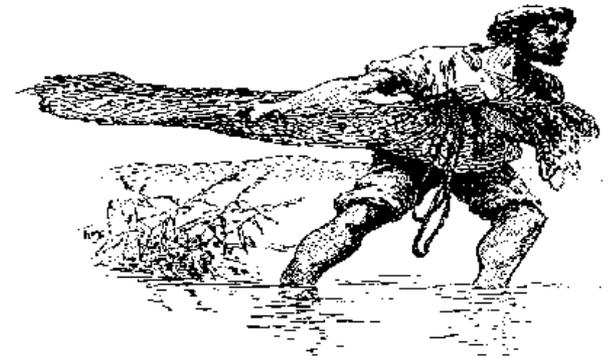
If Your Commitment is linked only to
your Convenience, then you are not a
true servant of Christ



Whether You Believe it or Not; You are Committed to Something

Casting Vision - Things to Consider

- In what direction are you casting?
- What are you trying to catch? (What do you believe God wants you to accomplish?)
- Casting is work – It will require effort



Cast Away

- As you cast vision, you must also make a decision about what you are willing to “Cast Away”
 - Cast off the Weights that Will Hinder Your Christian Walk (Hebrews 12:1)
 - Cast Your Cares Upon Him (Psalms 55:22; 1st Peter 5:7)
 - Psalms 55:22: Cast your cares on the Lord and he will sustain you, he will never let the righteous be shaken
- God Will Sustain You and the Vision –
 - “Pro-Vision” – For the Vision

Summary

- A Viable, Vibrant, and Visible Vision will help you obtain the Victory you desire
- Your Vision can become blurred or obscured due to slothfulness, comfort seeking, loss of connection, and pre-occupation with other's vision instead of your own.
- Once you receive your vision, keep it refreshed through prayer and worship
- Share your vision at the appropriate time and setting with others
- Trust that God will provide for the Vision and equip you to carry it out

Prayer

Lord, I ask this day to help me understand Your Vision for me, my family, my ministry, my church, and my community. Anoint my eyes to see clearly the task that is before me. Guide Me through Your Word giving me direction. Strengthen me through Your Holy Spirit to perform it.

Father God, I lay down my linear vision based upon my own desires, significance, and comfort and take on Your Vision. It is my desire to see my family blessed, and my church and community strengthened as I attend to the vision you have given me.

I set my face towards Your Vision to perform it this day. In Jesus Name, Amen.