

SPIRITALIVE

HOPE ~ HELP ~ HEALING

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"THE POWER OF VISION"

"Where there is no vision, the people perish"

PROVERBS 29:18 (KJV)

Having a vision in life is vital. When a person is allowed to think big and have a positive view of the future, that person will experience more joy and overcome life's challenges more easily. Those who have a vision for their life not only thrive but live longer than those without a sense of the future. A person with a vision is like a jet soaring through the sky, while a person without a dream is like a ship on the ocean, blown any direction by the winds. Are you like that ship without a destination, or are you like the jet rocketing through the sky with direction?

WHAT IS A VISION?

What is a vision? The prophet Habakkuk said the Lord instructed him to "*write down the vision; write it clearly on clay tablets so whoever reads it can run to tell others. It is not yet time for the message to come true, but that time is coming soon; the message will come true (See Habakkuk 2:1-3 NCV)*" The word "vision" comes from the Greek word "horasis" meaning "a sense of sight". It means having a mental picture of what God has planned for your future. Proverbs instructs us that "*when there's no vision, the people get out of control, but whoever obeys instruction is happy.*" (Proverbs 29:18 CEB) A vision gives a person direction and purpose for their lives. Without a divine plan, people

will never experience the maximum joy and fulfillment God has planned for them!

A VISION GIVES US DIRECTION

When God lays a vision on your heart you are able to move ahead with purpose and design. When God imparted a vision for Paul's mission, he had direction! "*That night Paul had a vision: A man from Macedonia in northern Greece was standing there, pleading with him, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us!' So we decided to leave for Macedonia at once, having concluded that God was calling us to preach the Good News there.*" (Acts 16:9, 10 NLT) Receiving a vision from God gives us confidence to move ahead in life.

A VISION EMPOWERS US

A vision will give you power to do those things you could not do on your own. A vision empowered a disciple named Ananias to seek out a dreaded foe, assisting him to serve God's plan which would have eternal consequences! God called Ananias to visit and pray for Saul, an enemy of the early church. Through a vision, Ananias received the following instructions: "Go, for Saul is my chosen instrument to take my message to the Gentiles and to kings, as well as to the people of Israel." (See Acts 9:10-17 NLT) Supernaturally, Ananias was able to face his fears and meet Saul, praying for his healing and prophesying his future.

Our **vision** is to be a voice to our generation imparting truth, instilling hope, and motivating positive change.

Our **objective** is to present God's Word in a practical, relevant way through:

Life-changing teaching.

Inspiring guest interviews.

Distributing newsletters.

Providing resource materials.

Hosting workshops & seminars in First Nations Communities.

You can help by becoming a monthly partner. As a partner, you can:

Apply your faith in prayer.

Make financial contributions.

Lend your time and skills to help in program production.

Promote the program by telling others about it.

Encourage us with your letters and praise reports.

A VISION LEADS US TO HELP OTHERS

God had to give Peter a vision to show him to help a group of Gentile (non-Jewish) people he would have otherwise never connected with. In Peter's day, Jews and Gentiles did not mix. This went totally against his cultural context and mindset! Peter was unaware that God planned to reach the Gentiles with the message of salvation by grace. "He (Peter) saw the sky open, and something like a large sheet was let down by its four corners...What could the vision mean?...Meanwhile, as Peter was puzzling over the vision, the Holy Spirit said to him, "Three men have come looking for you. Get up, go downstairs, and go with them without hesitation. Don't worry, for I have sent them." (See Acts 10:9-20 NLT) God can supernaturally inspire us to help others we would not naturally think about helping!

A VISION IS VITAL

It's very important for every person to have a vision. If you don't have a vision for your life, ask God for one! James 1:5 says, "If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God..." He will show you His plan. Once you have received the plan, start making the necessary changes in your lifestyle and attitude so you can start following the vision for your life. Write down the vision and break it into steps or objectives. Ensure you are doing something daily and weekly to fulfill the vision. Author Annie Dillard said, "How we spend our days is, of course, how we spend our lives." People with a vision live outstanding lives. They are happier, healthier, possess great attitudes, live longer and have meaning in their lives. They enjoy life every day and thrive; not just survive! You can be one of these people too when you live out the vision God has for you!

by Pastor Roma Fisher

PARTNER COMMENTS

I just wanted to compliment you on your broadcasts. It was wonderful to hear all those scriptures that pertain to the Holy Spirit and how He helps us in our lives! I thought that was so excellent and informative! It really blessed me! Keep up the wonderful work! --K

Love what your doing Pastor Roma. I'll be taping the show every week. --J.

This is the Christianity I want! Pray for me. --M.

SPIRIT ALIVE NEWS

SPIRIT ALIVE NEWS: URGENT REQUEST!

Thank You and Meegwetch to our partners and friends for taking time to read this newsletter and for supporting Spirit Alive! Over the last year, our goal has been to raise funds to upgrade to digital equipment (including cameras, lighting and HD switcher). We have made progress, but we still need over **\$5,000**. These upgrades will greatly improve our program quality assisting us to present the message of the Gospel with excellence!

Another challenge we have been facing is the increasing cost of airtime. As you may remember, our time slot on VisionTV was taken over by a higher paying customer. In order for us to maintain more affordable airtime at primetime, we are moving to **JoyTV Winnipeg on Sundays at 2:00 pm starting May 5, 2013.**

We apologize to any viewers who have missed our broadcast! Our goal is to keep Spirit Alive on the air, both regionally and nationally. Please know you can view every program at your convenience online at **www.spiritalive.org**.

Sharing the Spirit of Faith,
Pastor Roma Fisher and Team

Upcoming Events: Pastor Roma & Anita will be in Western Canada in August ministering at churches in Edmonton, Red Deer and Calgary. See website for details.

BROADCAST SCHEDULE

GLOBAL Thunder Bay
Sunday 9:30 am EST
Wed 10:00 am EST

CKWS/CHEX TV
Sunday 5:00 am EST

 **NEW JOY TV**
Sunday 3:00 pm EST

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