

# **A Man of Vision**

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## I. Introduction.

A. Vision is important.

## II. Characteristics of a man of vision.

B. A man of vision is keen an observer and naturally curious. He is sensitive to people.

C. A man of vision sees more than other people see. (2 Kings 5)

1. He gathers facts. (2 Kings 5:11; Proverbs 23:20; 1 Kings 3:23)

2. He has clearly defined vision and operates on the basis of concept.

D. A man of vision sees more clearly than others.

1. He thinks through. (Proverbs 23:2)

2. He knows the touch of Jesus. (Mark 8)

3. He recognizes the touch of God. (Genesis 28:16)

4. He evaluates the facts. (1 Chronicles 12:32)

E. A man of vision sees more than others see.

## III. How to be a man of vision. (Colossians 1:9-10)

A. Ask God to see things as he sees.

B. Ways to see things God sees.

1. Pray for it.

2. Saturate yourself in the Word of God to understand God's mind.

## IV. Areas a man of vision looks at differently than the man of the heard.

A. The objective. (Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15)

1. The moving heard only see mass evangelism, mass training and a generally good life as glorifying God.

2. A man of vision sees the objective as the whole world, and he has a vision for how to do it through multiplying disciples. (John 15:8; 2 Timothy 2:2)

B. Methods.

1. The moving heard only looks at the basics, such as quiet time and Scripture memory.

2. The man of vision looks to faith, joy and love. (1 Thessalonians 3:5; Nehemiah 8:10; 1 Timothy 1:5; Proverbs 10:22)

3. The man of God views methods as the means God has provided in order to make ourselves available to him.

C. How people look at themselves.

1. The moving heard thinks too highly or too lowly of themselves.

2. The man of vision realizes that he has worth because of Jesus by the grace of God. He gets his self image from God. (1 Corinthians 10:13; John 5:44)

D. How people look at God.

1. The moving heard thinks that God is interested in salvation but not every day life matters.

2. The man of vision recognizes...

a. The sovereignty of God. (Acts 17:26)

b. The complete power of God. (Jeremiah 32:17)

c. The complete knowledge of God. (Hebrews 4:13; Proverbs 15:11)

d. The love of God for us. (John 10)

E. How people look at Jesus.

1. The moving heard looks at Jesus as his savior and friend.

2. The man of vision looks at Jesus as his life. (Philippians 1:21)

F. How people look at others.

1. The moving heard looks at people as challenges or things they can use.

2. The man of vision looks at people as others he can help or receive help from.

G. How people look at things.

1. The moving heard sees them as tools for influence and success, or they see them as idols.

2. The man of vision sees things as temporary, and he travels light. (Philippians 4:11)

H. How people look at circumstances.

1. The moving heard interpret them as God's punishment, the Devil's attack or the brokenness of the world.

2. The man of vision accepts trials, tries to find lessons in them, trusts God, responds properly and presses on. (Job 33:14)

**Application questions:**

1. What are the top three characteristics that separate a man of vision in your opinion?

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2. Which areas do you need to grow in to become more of a man of vision?

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3. How can you become more of a man of vision? Explain.

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