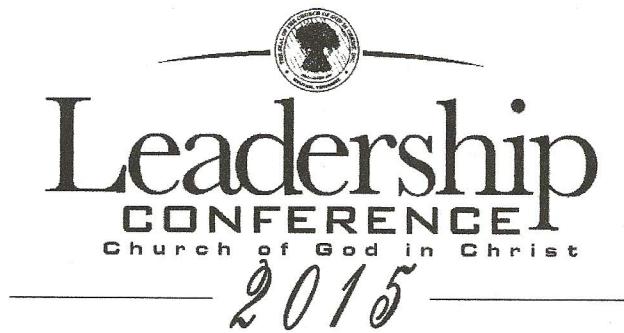


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“SOAR BEYOND: HELPING CHURCHES SEE FURTHER”

-Genesis 40:31

**I SEE YOU IN THE FUTURE
The Innovative Leadership Series**

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All About God's Purpose in You

The Wisdom of Solomon is that there is a time for every purpose for every person this side of heaven. The worst tragedy in life is not how one dies or the conditions of poverty, sickness or loneliness. The worst tragedy in life is a life without purpose or meaning. Life is not an accident of conception, but an opportunity to live according to the Creator's design.

His design for each person is connected to His divine purpose for our existence. Walking in divine purpose leads to personal fulfillment. No one is responsible for the fulfillment of the God-given purpose but each individual. God endows every individual with a portion of His eternal purposes.

Relevance of your topic to Today's Theme:

Success or failure in life depends on the choices we make. Whether in ministry or life itself, the question all must answer is what does one's life contribute to personal significance or the welfare of others? It is this presenter's objective to provide a template for the discovery of personal purpose and meaning. One may live beneath one's potential, and not experience the power and motivation of a God-given vision.

Introduction

Vision is eternally connected to your purpose. The power of vision is only as strong as the power of your faith. The power of faith is developed from the power of prayer. God is the Source of both purpose and vision. Therefore whatever you choose to do in accordance with your assignment from God will most certainly be accomplished when these elements are working in concert with your life. This presentation may be the genesis for your journey to your purpose, vision and ultimate destiny. Present a strong statement of the substance of your presentation.

Substantive Outline

I. Fundamentals of Visionary Leadership

A. Vision: The Key to Your Life's Purpose

1. Levels of Purpose

- a. Universal – Discovered in Adam
 - i. Take dominion and subdue
 - ii. Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth,
 - iii. And **subdue** it: and have dominion . . .
- b. Unique – Special to Your Existence
 - i. Special to the life of the individual
 - ii. What has God said specifically to you?
 - iii. Your Vision Assignment
- c. United – Corporate Purpose of the Church
 - i. The corporate purpose of the Church
 - ii. The key to functioning in the Body of Christ
 - iii. The Great Commission
- d. Eternal Purpose – The Sovereign Purposes of God
 - i. Established before you were born
 - ii. Ecclesiastes 3:11 “He also set eternity in the hearts of men”
 - iii. Isaiah 46:9-10, Purpose is established before production

2. The Source of Vision

- a. God is the source of vision
- b. Vision is all about God not you
- c. God is the source of your purpose
- d. Vision emanates from purpose
- e. Purpose gives meaning to vision
- f. Vision is a glimpse of the future God has purposed in you
- g. Vision is not our private view of the future, but the view of our future inspired by God

3. Qualities of the Visionary

- a. Leaders inspire others because they are inspired themselves.
 - i. Vision will wake you up with excitement of creating a great future
 - ii. Every effort is connected to a great plan that affects others
 - iii. Visionaries are not selfish
 - iv. Failures are viewed as learning experiences
- b. Leaders have a sense of meaning and purpose in each area of their lives
 - i. Have clear written goals and [plans that are part of their daily lives
 - ii. Clear about where they are going and what the results will be
 - iii. Behavior is purposeful and goal-directed
 - iv. Accomplish five times more than the average person
- c. Leaders accept personal responsibility
 - i. Never complain or explain, but make progress
 - ii. Take responsibility for “set-backs”

- d. Leaders see themselves as victors over circumstances rather than victims of circumstances.

- i. Do not criticize or blame
 - ii. Instead, they focus on the solution
 - e. Leaders are action-oriented
 - i. Constantly in motion
 - ii. Never give up
 - f. Leaders have integrity
 - i. Tell the truth at all times
 - ii. Live in truth with themselves and with others
- 4. Who You are, What You are, Why You are
 - a. Who? Defined by whose you are
 - b. What? 1 John 5:4 – An overcomer
 - c. Why? The Divine assignment

B. Overcome the Attack of the Vision Killers

1. In this world you will have tribulations . . . be of good cheer . . . I have overcome the world.
2. Satan will oppose the vision God has designed for your life and ministry
3. The greatest opposition is “the man in the mirror”
4. Self-made barriers to vision
5. Tradition: A reflection of the past/ Vision is a reflection of the Future
 - a. The past says, “We’ve never done it this way before”
 - b. A comfort zone of past success
 - c. Can be used to bridge the past and the future
 - d. Can be a foundation for the future
 - e. God reshapes traditions by moving them in new directions
 - f.
6. Fear (F.E.A.R. = False Evidence. Appearing Real)
 - a. Fear of breaking out of the comfort zone – areas of past success
 - b. Vision requires change
 - c. Focus on past failures blinds us to our potential
 - d. Vision replaces fear with energy and hope
 - e. Replaces unbelief with peace and assurance
7. Stereotypes: A popular preconception about people or conditions
 - a. Exist throughout life, Church, groups, states, countries, etc.
 - b. Stereotypes are often used as shortcuts to the truth
 - c. God’s vision is based on the truth
 - d. Truth requires a realistic view of self and the world around us and an appropriate response
 - e. Stereotypes lead to bad decisions
8. Complacency: The status quo
 - a. A lackadaisical -will-do mindset
 - b. Complacency is the extinguisher to the fire of passion
 - c. Stir up the gift within
9. Fatigue: Mental and Physical Exhaustion
 - a. Running on empty
 - b. Fatigue limits vision
 - c. Psalm 61:2

10. Short Term Thinking
 - a. Failure to see the big picture
 - b. A vision is not an event
 - c. It is a process that is long term by its nature
 - d. God's purposes are eternal
 - e. Pursue the assignment in the timing of God

II. *Purpose and Fulfillment*

A. *Purpose, Potential and Vision*

1. Creative purpose released from the mind of The Creator
2. The link between purpose and fulfillment
 - a. Fulfillment is functioning according to God's design
 - b. An unfulfilled leader is a frustrated leader
3. Discover your unique purpose
4. Be directed by a clear vision
5. Identify, Unlock and Release Your Potential
6. Connect to Your Vision through prayer and the Word of God

B. *Passion, Assignment and Opportunity*

1. Your purpose will become your passion
2. Passion is the Fire of the Desire of the Heart: Delight yourself in the Lord (His calling, purpose and vision) and He will give you the desires (and passions) of your heart: Psalm 37:4
3. Your assignment: Begins with your interests, but not limited to them
4. Life's Opportunities are not always pleasant: For Isaiah it was the year that King Uzziah died.
5. Ask, Seek and Knock, (Luke 11:8)

III. *How to Un tap the Power of Vision*

A. *Stay Connected to the Source*

1. God is the author and source of vision
2. The Power of Prayer: John 15:5: "I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abides in me, and I in him, the same brings forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing."
3. Prayer Sustains us in the demands of vision
4. Prayer encourages us to stay in the fight, and not quit
5. Prayer is the essential resource of vision
6. It is the effectual fervent prayer of the righteous that avails (has benefits and advantages)

B. *Principles of Discovery: Action Principles*

1. Eliminate Distractions:
 - a. Get alone with prayer, meditation and
 - b. Think about a plan for discovery and implementation of what God is revealing
2. Find Your True Self
 - a. Answer critical questions: Who am I? Who am I in relation to God?
 - b. What is the reason for my existence?
 - c. How have I been created like my source? (Genesis 1:26-28)
 - d. Write out your personal purpose statement
 - e. (You may have to come back to this step once you have completed the rest of the questions)

3. Find Your True Vision
 - a. What am I to do with my life?
 - b. What am I inspired to do?
 - c. What would I want to do more than anything else, even if I was never paid for it?
 - d. What do I love to do so much that I forget to eat or sleep?
 - e. Don't put any limitations of time or money on your vision
 - f. Complete the following Activities:
 - a. Write your own legacy (What would you want others to say about you?)
 - a. What kind of husband, wife, son or daughter do you want to be remembered as?
 - b. What kind of impact would you like to leave on your community?
 - c. In what way would you like the world to be different because you were here?
 - b. Summarize your vision for your life or ministry in one sentence
4. Discover Your True Motivation:
 - a. How does my vision help others?
 - b. What is the motivation for my vision?
 - c. Why do I want to do what I want to do?
 - d. Can I accomplish my vision and still have integrity?
5. Identify Your Principles
 - a. What is your philosophy for conducting your life/
 - b. Clarify what you will and will not do, ethically
 - c. What principles guide your life?
 - d. Write out your life principles and live by them daily
6. Choose Your Goals and Objectives
 - a. Goals are the steps required to fulfill your vision
 - b. Make them practical things you need to do to accomplish your vision?
 - c. Write out your goals
 - d. Objectives are the detailed steps of your goals
 - e. They determine when you want things to happen
 - f. Write them in order of necessity to reach your goals
7. Identify Your Resources
 - a. Your human needs: Physical, personal associations, financial
 - b. Write them down no matter how large they may seem
 - c. Write down your strengths, gifts, talents, etc.
 - d. Write down your weaknesses: You know what they are, but do not dwell on them
 - e. God will supply others to do what you cannot do.
8. Commit to Your Vision
 - a. Make a conscious decision to follow through with what you want to do
 - b. God may refine your plans as He leads through the process
 - c. Commit yourself to your vision
 - d. Commit yourself to God

Possible Barriers or Constraints and Suggestions

This session will be more meaningful with the following references:

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Suggestions for Implementation

1. Pray with a God focus rather than a needs focus
2. See the recommended readings

Recommended Ministry Models

- Habakkuk 2:1-4: 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.³ For the vision is yet for an appointed time and it hastens to the end [fulfillment]; it will not deceive *or* disappoint. Though it tarry, wait [earnestly] for it, because it will surely come; it will not be behindhand on its appointed day. ^(A)
- Scriptural Principles:
- The Principle of:
 - Documentation (Write the Vision)
 - Simplification (Make it plain)
 - Shared vision (Give it to the messengers)
 - Participation (Let them run with it)
 - Timing (An appointed time)
 - Patience (Wait for it)
 - Faith (It will surely come)

Frequently Asked Questions and/or Implementation Scenarios

¹ Munroe, Myles, *The Principles and Power of Vision*, Whitaker House, Pennsylvania, 2003

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