

HOW TO LIVE A DISCIPLINED LIFE

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(Proverbs 29:18)

When people do not have a vision, they will choose the wrong friends. When people do not have a vision, they will eat the wrong foods. When people do not have a vision, they will spend their time foolishly.

When people do not have a vision, they will spend their money on unnecessary items. **WHEN PEOPLE DO NOT HAVE A VISION, THEY WILL LIVE AN UNDISCIPLINED LIFE.** People who have a vision are focused on what they need to do.

They are strategic in how they do it. They are clear on what needs to be done. People that have a vision walk with a purpose.

GREAT ACHIEVERS ARE SLAVES TO THEIR VISION!

IS LIFE CONFUSING FOR YOU?

If life is confusing for you, it is because you do not have a vision for your life. Confusion is proof of **DISORDER**. If your personal life is in a state of confusion, you do not have a vision.

If your professional life is in a state of confusion, you do not have a vision. If your spiritual life is in a state of confusion, you do not have a vision. When you govern your life under the confines of **VISION**, what you do, what you say, where you go, how you act, what you give and how you think will be disciplined.

Getting your life in order is predicated on how clear your vision is. When you have a vision, your emotions do not have the power to influence your decisions. Your friends do not have the power to influence your decisions.

Your job does not have the power to influence your decisions. Money does not have the power to influence your decisions. When you have a vision, your **VISION** dominates and controls every decision in your life.

An olympic athlete who aspires to win the gold medal for his country has **ALREADY** decided his future. The **VISION** of winning the gold medal has created a structure which will strengthen the athlete's ability to live a disciplined life.

For example, an olympic athlete knows that he cannot eat junk food on a regular basis. His **VISION** of winning the gold medal has **ALREADY** decided his diet. An olympic athlete knows that he must donate more time towards his training than with friends.

His vision has **ALREADY** created his schedule. An olympic athlete knows that he must focus on developing his skills in order to increase his chances of winning the gold

medal. An athlete's vision has **ALREADY** decided their priorities.

IF YOU WANT TO LIVE A DISCIPLINED LIFE, GET A VISION!

If you are struggling making wise decisions, make it easier by acquiring a vision. This way, your decisions are **ALREADY DECIDED**. People who have visions of becoming entrepreneurs do not think about how to spend their money.

Their vision has **ALREADY** decided that. People who have a vision to please God do not contemplate between doing right or wrong. Their vision leads them toward pursuing righteousness daily.

VISION OR EXPERIMENTATION

Every person who has become a great achiever, was at one point, a slave to their vision. Proverbs 29:18 says,

"Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he." God equated a lack of vision to death. When a person does not have a vision, they will **NOT** have a sense of direction.

Knowing where you are going in life is essential to your survival. People who view life as an experiment will try anything without understanding the consequences of their actions.

People have become addicted to drugs because they wanted to experiment. People have been diagnosed with HIV because they wanted to experiment. People have died prematurely because they wanted to experiment.

**PEOPLE WHO ARE WILLING TO EXPERIMENT
WITH THEIR LIVES ARE VOID OF VISION.**

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