

# VISION DECISIONS

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Philippians 2:3-4

Vision decisions are decisions you make for the future, **NOT** the present. Great leaders make decisions to enhance the future while preserving the present. When great leaders are faced with making a tough decision they will always rely on their vision to guide them.

## HERE'S WHAT I MEAN

- If a C.E.O. is faced with the decision to downsize his staff or continue to lose a profit his vision will guide him toward downsizing. Why? It is better to lose a few people than the organization.
- If a parent is faced with the decision to administer tough love to their child rather than being their friend their vision will guide them toward doing what is

painful but necessary. Why? It is better to correct children when they are young so they won't become rebellious when they get older.

Vision decisions result in delayed gratification. These are tough decisions that will produce casualties. These are the type of decisions that will generate **IMMEDIATE PAIN** yet, produce **LONGTERM PLEASURE**. Vision decisions focus on the big picture, **NOT** small pieces.

## GOD MADE A VISION DECISION

When Adam lost the Kingdom of God in the book of Genesis he forced God to make a vision decision. God had a passion for humanity to live in the Kingdom of God on the earth. The Lord wanted His creation to enjoy the fruits of His hand.

He wanted His creation to prosper on the goodness of His will. However, Adam's disobedience to God disrupted that plan. Our Heavenly Father had to create alternative

plan in order to re-establish His divine plan. His alternative plan created immediate pain for Him.

Our Heavenly Father made the vision decision to send His only Son to the earth to redeem humanity from sin and death. Our Heavenly Father took it upon Himself to watch His son be beaten, crucified, humiliated, and embarrassed for the good of humanity.

God made a decision that empowered humanity but hurt His heart. That is the type of burden leaders must bear when they are making vision decisions.

**SOMETIMES YOU HAVE TO SACRIFICE WHAT  
YOU WANT TO PROVIDE WHAT OTHERS  
NEED.**

2nd Corinthians 8:9 says, *"You know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. You know that Christ was rich, but for you he became poor so that by his becoming poor you might become rich."* Can you imagine how hard it was for our

Heavenly Father to watch his only Son become poor when He was accustomed to the abundant life?

Jesus took on the poverty of men's sins so humanity could be right with His Father. The agony that our Heavenly Father went through is unimaginable. How would you feel if you had to watch your son or daughter go through what Jesus went through for the sake of someone else? I'm sure it would be hard for you to bear.

All of this happened because our Heavenly Father made a vision decision. If you are in a leadership role you will face situations that will force you to make vision decisions.

Every situation you encounter will **NOT** require you to make a vision decision. However, here are four definite scenarios that will require you to make vision decisions.

**Scenario #1:** When you are caught with the dilemma of choosing short term pleasure and long term joy it will **REQUIRE** you to make a vision decision.

**Scenario #2:** When you are faced with the dilemma of choosing a short term win versus a long term loss it will **REQUIRE** you to make a vision decision.

**Scenario #3:** when you are face with the dilemma of choosing delayed gratification over longterm satisfaction it will **REQUIRE** you to make a vision decision.

**Scenario #4:** when you are forced to choose between the well being of a love one or your personal prosperity it will **REQUIRE** you to make a vision decision.

Vision decisions separates leaders from followers. It is the difference between longevity and short term success.

Vision decisions enable you to empower others. If a leader refuses to make vision decisions the needs of others will **NOT** be fulfilled.

Leaders who make vision decisions are selfless. They sacrifice their dreams to fulfill the desires of other people.

They delay their wants to supply the needs of other people.

Philippians 2:3-4 says, "*When you do things, do not let selfishness or pride be your guide. Instead, be humble and give more honor to others than to yourselves. Do not be interested only in your own life, but be interested in the lives of others.*"

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