

Values Matter Discovery Starters

We Are Visionary

5. BE VISIONARY

YWAM is called to be visionary, continually receiving, nurturing and releasing fresh vision from God. We support the pioneering of new ministries and methods, always willing to be radical in order to be relevant to every generation, people group, and sphere of society. We believe that the apostolic call of YWAM requires the integration of spiritual eldership, freedom in the Spirit and relationship, centered on the Word of God.

[Num 12:6](#); [1Sa 12:16](#); [Pro 29:18](#); [Eze 1:1](#); [Hab 2:2-3](#);
[Mar 1:35-39](#); [Luk 9:1-6](#); [Act 16:9-10](#); [Act 26:19](#); [2Pe 3:9-13](#)

Value #5 – Be Visionary: Do the Right Things Right

Biblical Foundation:

Then the LORD said to me, "Write my answer plainly on tablets, so that a runner can carry the correct message to others. This vision is for a future time. It describes the end, and it will be fulfilled. If it seems slow in coming, wait patiently, for it will surely take place. It will not be delayed" (Hab 2:2-3).

Discovery Starter:

What is vision? It is – as Habakkuk states – that which “describes the end,” the grand goal, the ultimate target. Without vision we are directionless. We flounder. We are purposeless. We are lost. Unless you have a vision of your future, you cannot live your today well. A God-inspired vision is essential to live a fruitful and fulfilled life. It enables you to know what is the right thing to do.

But it is not enough to know simply “what” to do; we must also know “how” to do it. We must understand the right way to get the right thing done. It is important to get both the end (the “what”) and the means (the “how”) right. Doing one without the other always results in destructive foolishness. We see this in the story of Saul’s failed battle against the Philistines (1Sa 13:1-14). He got the “what” right – he knew victory was possible if he sought God’s favor. But he got the “how” wrong – he took matters into his own hand and foolishly killed the sacrifice lamb himself instead of waiting patiently for the prophet, violating God’s commands. As a result, his dynasty came to a premature end. How unnecessarily tragic! Had he proceeded with obedient integrity, history would have been different. But Saul’s life unfortunately illustrated the proverb:

“As dead flies cause even a bottle of perfume to stink, so a little foolishness spoils great wisdom and honor” (Ecc 10:1).

Jesus sets out the ultimate vision when he teaches us to pray, “May your Kingdom come soon. May your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven” (Mat 6:10). This is the grandest of all grand goals. The question each person must ask is, “What is my part in this God-inspired vision?” We should not expect to get a blueprint for our future so that we can take off in our own strength, hoping to meet God at the destination. No – how we get there is vitally important. We are to pursue the vision relationally with God; engaging with Emmanuel continuously as we travel from its inspired inception to its fruitful completion.

Keep Going:

As you seek to understand God’s vision for your life, consider the following. Like Habbakuk, look at a given situation around you and ask God for spiritual insight, to discern if it brings joy to God’s heart or if it breaks God’s heart. If the former, ask Holy Spirit what you can do to cooperate with and strengthen that situation. If the later, ask the Lord to show you how to collaborate with him to change that situation. Commit yourself to listen carefully, get God’s vision and obey God’s instructions without ever giving up.

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