

## **Vision – Personal & Corporate**

## What is a vision?

A vision is born out of a burden placed upon a person's heart. That is, an issue or situation that the person continually ponders about voluntarily because the person desires a change or an improvement or understanding concerning it. Vision means to gaze at, mentally to perceive or contemplate (with pleasure). It also means to behold, look, prophesy, provide, and see inspired appearance/ sight. Vision can also be defined as power of imagination, discernment, foresight or any verbal and/or pictorial communication through a dream.

A true vision is God-given and divine enablement is granted to bring it to fulfilment (Rom. 11:29). A vision in the context on this newsletter relates to an inspired insight into a particular business/work, process of doing things or service delivery. It can be seen, as an idea given by God that can be fully developed into an activity or service that yields material or non-material returns that will enhance the value of your life or existence here on earth. The idea is then expressed in words referred to as vision statement of the individual or corporate body.

A vision is like a guiding and driving force for a business enterprise, ministry or an individual throughout its life thus it may not be fulfilled 100% in a very short time. For example, Live Faith Out at Work Ministry's vision is to advance Christian faith by conducting teaching sessions (seminar, workshops and conferences) and publishing newsletters on Christian faith for Christians on how to apply the teachings of the Bible and doctrines of the Christian faith to their lives and activities as leaders, employees and entrepreneurs in the workplace environment. For Surefooting Consulting, it is to help business leaders make and implement surefooted decisions that spur business and personal growth with leading expertise at affordable investment of time and money.

What is your vision for your life and/or organization?

## Benefits of having a Vision

Vision is an insight into God's plan for an individual's life or that of a family, organisation and ministry. The Bible says in Ps. 29:18 that without vision the people perish or cast off restraint; and in Hos. 4:6, that people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. If God's plan is not revealed unto you concerning your life and situation, you are stripped of honour and dignity that rightfully belong to you.

When you have a vision from God, you will excel, life issues will be better handled. You will become more confident that you know where you are going and difficulties will be approached with the right attitude of an overcomer. You will have a sense of being cared for by God and that He knows what you are doing and backs you up.

It is important for a person to know God's plan for his life. When this is known, living becomes very interesting. Jeremiah was told in Jer. 1:5 & 10 that his call is to be a prophet unto the nations, set over nations and kingdoms, to root out and to pull down and to destroy and to throw down, to build and to plant. He was further given an insight that people will not accept his message when he was told in Jer. 1:17-19 that he should not be dismayed and that the Lord had made provision against that.

So knowing where you are going and what to do to get there generates confidence. This eliminates ignorance, which leads to destruction (Hos. 4:6). When you know God and His plans for you, you lay hold of strength for exploits (Dan. 11:32b).

Have a blessed month.