

Where There is No Vision

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INTRODUCTION

Today, we focused on a specific verse from the Old Testament Book of Proverbs, which comes from Proverbs 29:18 – “*Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he.*” (KJV)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Please share some personal milestones that have happened this past year? What were some of the big events that occurred in your life?
2. What are some of your personal goals and resolutions for the New Year? If money were no object, what would you do with the rest of you life?
3. The Hebrew word for vision in Proverbs 29:18 is “chazown” (*khaw-zone*), which can also be translated as a dream or revelation. Why is it important for us to have a clear vision for our lives?
4. In the message we learned about the importance of having 3D Vision for our lives: Hindsight, Foresight and Insight. How can we take and apply this in the New Year?

CONCLUSION

Sir Francis Drake has been attributed with this prayer:

*Disturb us, Lord, when We are too well pleased with ourselves,
When our dreams have come true Because we have dreamed too little,
When we arrived safely Because we sailed too close to the shore.*

*Disturb us, Lord, when With the abundance of things we possess
We have lost our thirst For the waters of life; Having fallen in love with life,
We have ceased to dream of eternity And in our efforts to build a new earth,
We have allowed our vision Of the new Heaven to dim.*

*Disturb us, Lord, to dare more boldly, To venture on wider seas
Where storms will show your mastery; Where losing sight of land,
We shall find the stars. We ask You to push back
The horizons of our hopes; And to push into the future
In strength, courage, hope, and love.*

This is indeed a difficult prayer, but it is one that perhaps we need to seriously consider as we seek after God’s vision for our lives in 2016.

Lord, would You disturb our lives when we’ve become too comfortable. Lord, would You disrupt us, when our dreams have become too small. Lord, would You shake us up when our lives have become a little too safe.