

The Priority of Biblical Vision (Proverbs 29:18)

Definition of Vision – The setting forth of God’s will through divine revelation.

I. THE PROVISION OF SPIRITUAL VISION (PROVERBS 29:18)

A. VISION IS PROVIDED THROUGH THE BIBLE

Isaiah 1:1-2, “¹ The vision (revelation) of Isaiah the son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem . . . ² Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth: for the LORD hath spoken. . .”

II Timothy 3:16-17, “¹⁶ All scripture is given by inspiration (God breathed) of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: ¹⁷ That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.”

Psalms 119:105, “Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.”

B. A VISION IS PROVIDED THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT

I Corinthians 6:19, “What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you. . .”

John 14:16, “And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;”

John 16:13, “Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth. . .”

II. THE PEOPLE OF SPIRITUAL VISION (PROVERBS 29:18)

Lamentations 3:51, “Mine eye affecteth mine heart. . .”

A. WITHOUT GODLY VISION, FAMILIES WILL PERISH

1. We must have a vision to honor Christ.

Ephesians 1:12, “That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ.”

2. We must have a vision to love our spouse.

Ephesians 5:25, “Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;”

Ephesians 5:21, “Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.”

B. WITHOUT GODLY VISION, CHURCHES WILL PERISH

1. The Word of God must be preached.

II Timothy 4:1-3, “¹ I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; ² Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. ³ For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;”

2. The Word of God must be practiced

James 1:22, “But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.”

III. THE PERSPECTIVE OF SPIRITUAL VISION (PROVERBS 29:18)

A. A PROMISE FOR THE EARTHLY LIFE

Psalms 19:9-11, “⁹ The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether. ¹⁰ More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb. ¹¹ Moreover by them is thy servant warned: and in keeping of them there is great reward.”

B. A PROMISE FOR THE ETERNAL LIFE (JOHN 3:14-18)
