

VISIONS

Acts 2:15-18 NIV - These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: 'In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy.'

DESCRIPTION

God speaks to His people through visions. In fact, most people who are filled with the Holy Spirit have already experienced visions of some sort. It is one way God begins to develop our communication with Him when we are "young" in the faith. However, we may not understand that the pictures we are seeing in our minds might actually be God trying to speak to us or through us.

There are several different Biblical words for vision but essentially it means a divine communication or revelation that is seen in the Spirit as if through a looking glass or mirror. We can experience God speaking to us through visions anytime – not only when we are in prayer or meditation. In the same way that our memory or imagination can flash a scene into our mind while we are engaged in some other activity, the Holy Spirit can show us a vision anytime God wants to communicate with us.

Practicing hearing God through Visions is about being attentive to the images going through our minds in order to discern if God is speaking and what He might be saying.

PRAYER

Father, thank you that your Word says you will speak to me through visions. Open the eyes of my heart to see by your Spirit what you want to show me. Help me to interpret the visions correctly and to do with them what you desire for me to do. In Jesus' name, Amen.



PURPOSE:

To receive revelation from God through visions.

To see with the eyes of God through the Holy Spirit.

To minister to others through visual images of what God is speaking to them.

SPIRITUAL FRUIT:

Developing ability to see visions given by God.

Enhanced ability to follow God's guidance.

Increased ability to share what God is speaking through me to others.

Deeper revelation of God and His ways.

PRACTICE



- As you pray, worship God, or minister to other people, pay attention to the images in your mind.
 - Using the following chart, ask the Holy Spirit to help you discern the vision.

Seeing a Vision	Describe what you are "seeing" in your heart/mind's eye. (Like describing a photograph or a movie.)
	Describe what you "sense" in your Spirit as you see it. (i.e. happy, concerned, fearful, compassionate, etc.)
Who is this Vision for?	Were you praying for yourself or someone else? Who do you sense God is speaking to?
	Is this a revelation for the greater Body of Christ or about what is to come in the world?
Are there symbols?	Does the Vision contain symbols or multiples? Could it be a metaphor/parable or is it real events?
	What do the numbers or symbols represent? In the Scriptures? To you the person the vision is for?
Does it align with the Word of God?	Does this vision remind you of any story from the Scripture? Does it contradict God's commands?
	Does this vision line up with the New Covenant love of God for us through Jesus' blood?
Do you believe this Vision is from the Lord?	YES: By the Holy Spirit, what do you sense it means? What is God trying to show you or communicate?
	NO: Reject the vision in the name of Jesus, as if to throw it in a spiritual garbage bin.

- If you believe the vision is from the Lord, take it seriously.
 - In prayer: Ask the Lord how He wants you to apply the insight from the vision to your life. Do what He says.
 - In worship: Ask the Lord if He desires for you to share the vision with others as a prophetic word or revelation.
 - In ministry: Ask the Lord to help you speak the truth in love as you share the vision with the recipient of ministry.

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ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURES:

- Genesis 15:1
 Acts 9:10
 Acts 16:9;18:9
 Acts 26:19
 Acts 10:3,17,19
 Jeremiah 1:11
 Jeremiah 24:3
 Amos 7:8; 8:2
 Daniel 2:9; 8:15
 1 Corinthians 13:12