

Gathering Question – Would someone call you a visionary? Who in your group would you consider to be a visionary? Why? What kinds of qualities do visionaries possess?

Vision

What in the world does vision have to do with character? More than you imagine! Vision is the God-given ability to see possible solutions to the everyday problems of life. It is the ability to see beneath the surface of things and see the results of our actions before we act. It is the ability to catch a glimpse of what God wants for your life if you dedicate yourself to him.

Life is a series of problems, challenges, trials and disappointments. If you lack vision you might be overwhelmed by the momentary and not be able to move to the ultimate goal. If you get stuck on momentary troubles easily and are unable to move on in life, after a while things begin to pile up and eventually you might become so discouraged that you will quit.

On the other hand, if you cultivate vision in your life—when faced with a problem you meet it head on and you explore ways to deal with it and avert all kinds of discouragement. In the process you may discover just how much creativity and wisdom God has given you to help with your difficulties. How often we underestimate God, doubting his ability to lead us through the everyday forest of struggles on to the ultimate goal. People are destroyed by lack of vision!

No matter what the struggles of your life—relational, marital, financial, spiritual, emotional, vocational—you can find a solution if you are willing to be a visionary.

Read – Matthew 19:16-30

Reflect –

1. Would you say that you usually focus on problems or focus on solutions? Explain.
2. In the passage you read, what vision did Jesus put before the rich young man? How did he try to enlighten the man?
3. What possibilities did Jesus see underneath the young man’s superficial qualities?
4. Why do you think the man went away sad? Did his sadness have anything to do with lack of vision? In what ways?
5. What do you make of Peter’s statement in verse 27?
6. In the case of the young man and of the disciples, what was the cost of having vision? Why?