

# The Power of Vision

## Ephesians 3:14-20

Many ingredients go into building a championship-caliber team, including dedication, commitment, discipline, hard work, courage, and vision. Vision is one of the vital ingredients that sets the tone for all the others. Vision is very important to God. Proverbs 29:18 states, *“Where there is no vision, the people perish.”* The Apostle Paul in his letter to the Ephesians was attempting to encourage them to expand and increase their vision for all that could be accomplished with the help and strength of the Lord: *“Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us...”* (Ephesians 3:20) Let’s look at some keys to “The Power of Vision.”

**VIEW YOURSELF AS GOD SEES YOU** – “Victorious,” “mighty,” “more than conquerors,” and “His workmanship” are just a few of the terms God uses to describe His people—individuals who have placed their hope and faith in Him. God says that we are powerful and mighty in His strength. We must believe what God says and move out in faith as a testimony to the awesome truth of God’s Word and His working in our lives. *“In all things we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us.”* (Romans 8:37)

**INSTILL ENTHUSIASM AND HOPE** – Part of the “Power of Vision” is the ability or willingness to be used of the Lord to instill enthusiasm and hope in others especially your teammates. Enthusiasm is a powerful motivator, and hope is the ability to see the bright side of any situation and to continue to press on. *“Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence to things not seen.”* (Hebrews 11:1)

**SEIZE THE OPPORTUNITY** – God often puts us and our team, in a great position to showcase our talent and continue to make strides together. To do so, we must seize the opportunity and perform at a high level. *“I will strengthen you, surely I will help you, surely I will uphold you.”* (Isaiah 41:10)

**INSPIRE THOSE AROUND YOU** – Each one of you can be used of God to inspire and motivate others to a higher level of preparedness, intensity and vision if you will look for opportunities. Don’t just assume that this is the job of the coaches or captains. Take it upon yourself to be an inspirational leader on and off the field. *“The Lord will give grace and glory; no good thing will He withhold from them that walk uprightly.”* (Psalm 84:11)

**ONE AUDIENCE: GOD** – It is exciting to play before a packed stadium; however, imagine for a moment this concept: *we play for an audience of one—Jesus Christ.* It can take away a great deal of the pressure when you realize that the Lord has your best interests at heart. *“Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord and not men.”* (Colossians 3:23)

**NEVER GIVE UP THE FIGHT** – Each week the games get a little more important as the stakes are raised. We must all realize that the battle will intensify, and the need to never give up—no matter how tough the fight—must be recognized by all of us. *“If God is for us, who can be against us?”* (Romans 8:31)

Might each one of us realize the true “Power of Vision.” Vision will play a key role!