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EXTREME FAITH

Where is your
vision
leading you?..

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Take me home!



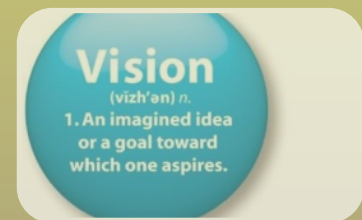
HOW IS YOUR VISION? ...

We have goals and visions for everything....

We all want to get better at something, and we all want to achieve so many things. Our life is filled with vision and goals. Think about sports you work hard to get better not get worse. We study and study to get good grades. Some of us play video games for hours so that we might get better at the game and move up to the next level. Not just talking about gamers here, you got an iPhone, iTouch, iPad. then you got games that you play for well countless hours. Wh It is fun and you want to improve your high score. Now I am not judging you, I am just trying to make a point. We set goals and live with vision so that we get better. Look at me trying so hard all the time to capture that perfect video. I want to be better. I invest in equipment and work my tail off to achieve a better product.

So where am I going with all this? Well have you ever set goals or lived by a

vision for your spiritual life? I mean it seems like very few of us set goals to be a better christian or even have a closer walk with God. It seems like these things we leave up to it will happen when it happens. But the thing is it just doesn't happen. We have to see that we need to apply in these areas as well. **Check out 1 Corinthians 9:24-27 24 Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. 25 Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last; but we do it to get a crown that will last forever. 26 Therefore I do not run like a man running aimlessly; I do not fight like a man beating the air. 27 No, I beat my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize.** Our spiritual Journey is a race, an event that we must strive after. Have a vision and set some goals, and in the end you will win the race!



Living Extreme means...

Living extreme in middle school, is to have a vision for your life, and staying the course till it is completed. We all have dreams and visions for our lives, but do they include our Spiritual growth? It is okay if they don't. It is not something that we often think about. But what if you did think about it, what would your spiritual vision for your life be?

How would you include the vision of your life into your spiritual vision for your life? Can you become the person you want to become and still grow in your relationship with God?

I know these are tough questions, but we want you to think.

Here is another way to look at it, how would you put the vision of your life, into the vision you have for your spiritual growth? What if your life really was based off of your relationship with God. What if you really checked in with God about everything that is going on in your life.

Now that is extreme!

Would you rather...?

...skydive or bungee jump?

...forget who you are or who everyone else is?

...pray for an hour or read the bible for an hour?

CHARACTER

Setting goals and having a vision for your life and most importantly your spiritual life shows a lot about your character.

Have you ever tried to read the Bible in a year? Set a vision to increase your prayer life? Set a vision to see that you are instrumental in seeing one friend or stranger come to know Jesus each year? Think about who you are today? How are you different from last year in your walk with Jesus? You need vision to drive your character...

Think About it...

(Growing with a purpose)

Last week we looked at growing and changing, thinking about who you are and who you want to become. Tonight we are looking at growing with a purpose. Most of us just go through life and well we grow as things happen around us and grow as we react to them. But think about it this way what if you were to grow with intention and purpose. What if you had a vision for your life in the specific area of your spiritual growth? We all set goals and behind the goal is a vision. We have dreams and how well we can play sports and how well we can do in school. But often times we have no vision for our spiritual growth. We just ride along and we grow, but sometimes we don't even stop and think about how we have grown.

Setting goals in your spiritual life is like working out. We have to work out to get stronger physically, and we have to work out our spiritual life as well, so that it will become stronger.

I bet you never thought that praying was like doing sit-ups, or reading your bible was like doing pull-ups. In so many ways that is just what it is like. You have to work out and keep doing things so that you might get better at it. Simple goals are the best because they get done.

So set a vision for your life that you will work out your spiritual muscle and deepen your relationship with Jesus.

Then set some simple goals and go after them:

Goals that you can set would look something like this:

Pray everyday, just pray.

Read the Bible Once, Twice, or even three times a week.

Attend Youth Group Once a week.

Have a conversation about God with someone at least once a week.

These are just a few, but when you have a vision for your life to grow a deep relationship with God your spiritual muscles will grow and you will find it easy to set goals and achieve them!

Go for it Grow with Purpose!

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Finish this Sentence:

(Fill in the blank... How would you finish this sentence?)

***A spiritual goal I have for my life is...**

***Why did you choose that goal?**

***Take a look at 1 Corinthians 9:24-27 what do you think it is saying?**

***What will you do to make your goal a reality?**
