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What does a good life look like?

Jordan Peterson at Liberty (Christian) University



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In summary of one discussion he said:

- He was blown away that students would spend 15 years of formal education and never be asked:
 1. What does it look like if the bad in you rules you?
 2. What does a good life in the future look like?
 3. What steps do you need to take to get there?
- He designed a course for this – one immediate result was a 25% reduction in university drop out rate



What does a Christ Centered Life look like?



- Is it possible to be a church or a Christ follower and never ask :
 1. What does it look like if the bad (sin) in you rules you?
 2. What does a Christ centered life in the future look like? **(What we call Vision)**
 3. What steps do you need to take to get there? **(What we call Strategy)**
- What impact would it have if we developed teaching, programs, ministries to help make this happen?



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- Is this just trying to be like the world?
- Why not just be 'spiritual' – let the Holy Spirit direct
- Can't we just read our bibles , pray, and let God do His thing?

What does scripture say about vision?



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- ✓ **Next Few Months looking at our Vision**
- ✓ **We are set free in Christ to be something –
To be like Him!**

FREE TO BE 'Christ in Us'

Proverbs 29:15-18

Colossians 1:24-29



Vision



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but he that keepeth the law, happy is he.”
(Proverbs 29:18, AV)***



Proverbs Context – godly discipline and instruction in society and the home



“The rod and reproof give wisdom: but a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame. When the wicked are multiplied, transgression increaseth: but the righteous shall see their fall. Correct thy son, and he shall give thee rest; yea, he shall give delight unto thy soul. Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he.” (Proverbs 29:15–18, AV)



Biblical Vision



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**Does this mean we need a corporate vision
like businesses do or we will fall apart?**



OT Biblical Vision

Discerning God's desire for you



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**“When people do not accept divine guidance, they run wild. But whoever obeys the law is joyful.”
(Proverbs 29:18, NLT)**

**“If people can't see what God is doing, they stumble all over themselves; But when they attend to what he reveals, they are most blessed.”
(Proverbs 29:18, The Message)**



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1. Revelation

- ✓ Knowing God's heart, His desire for you as His child , for us as the people of God

2. Scriptural

- ✓ A picture that 'oozes' with the Word of God

3. Contextual

- ✓ God's desire in your context – situation (as with the OT prophets)



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“... in my prayers; that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Him. I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know ...” (Ephesians 1:16–19, NASB95)



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“And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in real knowledge and all discernment,” (Philippians 1:9, NASB95)



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“... we have not ceased to pray for you and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding... bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; ...” (Colossians 1:9–12, NASB95)



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Is it possible to know about Jesus but not know Him personally?



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**“Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ’s afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church, of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints.”
(Colossians 1:24–26, ESV)**



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“To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.” (Colossians 1:27–29, ESV)



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Scriptural – Christ Centred



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Jesus Christ – The Living Word



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**“Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, ...”
(Hebrews 1:1–2, ESV)**

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God...” “And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.” (John 1:1, 14, ESV)



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Not about

RULES



It's about a
resurrected person !



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This vision is the desire of the believers at Wallenstein Bible Chapel. We will be a congregation that truly pleases Jesus our Lord, our Saviour and our King. We want the people that call WBC home to live the following vision out of the freedom of a transformed heart; a heart that is overflowing with the love that has been placed there by His endless love for us. We understand that without faith it is impossible to please God, and that even a very small amount of faith, when placed in God, can accomplish wonderful things. Our motivation for accomplishing our vision can be summed up in, but is not limited to, the following examples.



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Because He is exceedingly worthy in every aspect of His being, we will worship Him. Since He welcomed all including tax collectors and sinners, we will seek to be welcoming to all. Because He is caring and has limitless compassion for people, we will seek to be compassionate to all. Since He reached out to us by coming to the earth as a man, we will endeavour to reach out to those who don't know Him. Through the power of the Holy Spirit in transformed hearts, we prayerfully aspire to:



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