

## Staying Focused

Proverbs 29:18 Where there is no vision, the people perish.

Vision here means several things:

1. Direction
2. Motivation
3. Joy
4. Passion
5. Energy
6. Creativity
7. Commitment

We could read this verse like this, “Where there is no vision there is no direction, motivation, joy, passion, energy, creativity and commitment. This will cause the people to perish”.

Every time you have a vision or picture that you are called to you have what it takes to complete the task.

Habakkuk 2:1-3 We create pictures with our words. A clear picture determines a clear direction. You will always go in the direction you see yourself going.

### Di- vision

Di: means two

Vision: means picture

Division: means two (or more) pictures. When you are at a crossroads or there are two directions you can go, choose one. If you get stuck at the crossroads, you're not leading.

### Thoughts, Imaginations, Strongholds

Every thought has a picture attached to it. It's estimated that the average person has 10,000 thoughts in a 24-hour period. Because of this, most thoughts just pass through our mind. The only thoughts that eventually become reality are those that have pictures attached to them.

When a picture that passes through our mind that we like, we slow that thought down. As we begin to meditate on that thought or picture it becomes an imagination. The more we give thought to the picture the clearer the picture becomes. It's at this time the imagination becomes a stronghold.

A stronghold has two meanings: 1. Prison  
2. Fortress

Your imagination is attached to your will and your will determines your direction or destiny.

### **When Leaders Can't See**

When a leader is stuck between two opinions or directions and no decision is made, people quit following him. There is no direction and the vision is divided producing division.

A leader's primary responsibility is to communicate the vision or mental picture that is inside of him. A leader paints a picture with his words. The more he speaks, hopefully the clearer the picture becomes.

Mingled seed produces two crops.  
Two people can't walk together except they agree.  
When your vision is blurred, your speech will be slurred.

### **Lying Against the Truth**

Our spirit is perfect. Our soul is not perfect. The soul contains only what it has been exposed to.

When the perfect spirit and the soul are seeing two different things, your soul is lying against the truth that is in your spirit. This is where confusion is birthed.

Your re-created spirit knows the truth but your soul must be taught the truth. The truth only comes from the Word of God.

### **Near Sighted vs. Blind**

You can't be near sighted and blind at the same time. Near sighted people become blind to the big picture.