

## A Visionary Believer

### Introduction

Today I want to speak to you about living with a vision, with a purpose and a goal in your daily life as a Christian. As a Christian we need to be goal orientated and we need to live with a purpose in our lives.

Our one goal as a Christian should always be to please God and to tell as many people as we can about God. Why go through a life without meaning and purpose when God want you to impact those people around you!

The bible clearly says in **Hosea 4:6**, that *“My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge”*

So we do not achieve anything without knowledge! We cannot be a Visionary Believer and do exploits for God unless we know Him – Have knowledge of Him.

So today I want to take you on a Spiritual journey to discover knowledge because:

- When you discover knowledge and the source of knowledge you will discover God
- When you discover God you will want to discover your purpose for your life
- When you discover your purpose in life you will become a visionary believer!

### Knowing God

So we just read in **Hosea 4:6** that God’s people, in this case it was Israel but you are also Gods people – God people are destroyed, destroyed means to be made of no effect or ineffective, so because of a lack of knowledge God’s people – you and I are destroyed or made ineffective – why because we reject knowledge.

How do we reject knowledge, we do not follow God’s instruction manual – the Bible. We read it, we quote it but we do not put into practice what God’s word says.

In **Proverbs 16:25** it says *“There is a way that seems right to a man, But its end is the way of death.”*

The world has a way of dealing with the issues of life and God has a way of dealing with the issues of life. The problem is the world way or man’s way ALWAYS end in Death or separation.

Man might think it is right, man might believe it is right, he may even feel it is right thing to do but no matter how good man’s intentions are they lead to death or separation!

### God’s way to Knowledge

The only way to seek knowledge is God’s way, you cannot find Him the worlds way. You cannot find Him if you are watching TV. You will only find Him when you search for Him in His Word.

**Proverbs 1:7** says *“The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, But fools despise wisdom and instruction.”*

What is the fear of the Lord? Are we supposed to hide inside our houses and be fearful that God will cause something to kill us. Must we be scared of God!

No, no the fear of the Lord is a reverential respect for God and His Word. If God's Word says it you do it? God's way of living must become your way of living.

- If God hates sin – and He does, then you must hate sin.
- If God says something is wrong then you must agree that is wrong
- If God says do not go there, then don't go there

You see the fear of God is that you hold God, His Name, His Word, His people (the whole of creation) in high regard and treat all people with respect.

It does not matter if people treat you bad you give it to God and you forgive them. Decide today to live your life flat out for God.

I am not calling you to become a monk, I am not calling you to be religious or even to go to church more often. You do not have to seclude yourself, God want a person that He can use and who is ready and available for Him to use! He wants a person who will act no matter the God! If god says go, you say where to God, I am packed and on my way.

Not, no God I do not have enough money or no God I cannot go there! Just, sorry to say it this way, “shut up” and do what He is saying.

So we have discovered that Knowledge is found in the fear of the Lord. When you honour, respect and hold His Name and His people in a higher regard than yourself He will use you!

Never become proud or puffed up! New think you have arrived! Always remain humble and true to His Word in all you do and say, and you will see God to amazing things through you.

Back to **Proverbs 1:7**, not only is the fear of God the beginning of knowledge but it is also the source of Wisdom and instruction. It says that fools despise these things, why? They have no knowledge of God – who He is! What He can do!

The world although they have degrees and so called knowledge, they know nothing about God and neither can they understand the things of God. Not because they are stupid but because it has not been revealed to them.

**1 Corinthians 1:21-25** – *“<sup>21</sup> For since, in the wisdom of God, the world through wisdom did not know God, it pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup> For Jews request a sign, and Greeks seek after wisdom; <sup>23</sup> but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness, <sup>24</sup> but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup> Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.”*

So the first building block to becoming a visionary believer is the knowledge, wisdom and instruction that come's out of a life style of respect and honour of God.

In **Daniel 11:32** it says "*but the people who **know their God** shall be strong, and carry out great exploits.*"

When you know your God, you WILL do exploits for Him and not only do exploits but you will be strong, string in what – strong in your faith and trust in HIM!

So when you get to know God as He really is, when you approach Him out of reverential fear of who He is and what He can do – you will be able to stand strong in times of extreme trails and do amazing exploits!

### **Knowing your purpose**

Once you have come to know God and have made God's Word a priority in your life. One you place His plans and His purpose about your own plans and purposes.

You will be able to find out what your purpose in life is.

Your purpose is four fold:

- Intimate relationship with God
- Find out what gifts / abilities God has given you
- Find out how God want you to use those gifts
- Start to operate in those gifts

### **Intimate relationship with God**

This is your quiet time or the time you spend alone with God. In order to know God and to understand His way of doing things you have to spend time waiting on Him.

Start by getting quiet before God. This will take some practice but find a place where you can be quiet and wait for the Holy Spirit to touch you. Say nothing, think nothing until He touches you.

You will know when He touches you because you will be broken – you will be very emotional crying etc. When He touches you start to speak. Many times you will not be able to say anything as you communicate to Him in a heart to heart fashion.

### **Find out you gift and Abilities**

As you spend time with God and read his Word you will discover that God has given us all certain gifting's or abilities – see **1 Corinthians 12**

See which are operating in your life. In my case I am a very strong leaders and an evangelist, I also have other gifts like working with children.

These things come naturally to me, I do not have to think about leading, I lead. I do not think about Evangelising – I evangelise. I do nto think or plan to interact with children – I just do it naturally.

The problem arises when someone tries to do what I am doing! It becomes a chore and they cannot understand why they have such problems being an Evangelist,

infact they do not even have a heart for people, they cannot preach or even work with children – but they are very good cooks, good arranges of events etc.

I can never be you and you can never be me! You can strive to live you life like I do but you will always be YOU! And I will always be ME!

### **Find out how God want you to use those gifts**

Now that you know your gifting, go to God in prayer and ask Him how He want to use you and your gifts in His church.

### **Start to operate in those gifts**

Once you know what God has called you to do, go out and do it.

### **Becoming a visionary leader you were made to be!**

#### **Personal testimony**

I have been in ministry for many years and I ran a church youth group for 13 years, I was a cell leader for 5 years and a shepherd for 5 years. I even trained as a pastor and did many outreaches all over the world.

But one night in 1998 God started to talk to me in Isaiah and told me about things He was going to do through my life. Now I knew what He wanted me to do but the door never opened.

I tried starting a church but although successful God called us back to a church.

Then one day while visiting a friend, I came to a home and God said to me “I want you to start a church here!”, and that is what I did and today we have been running His Valley church for to and a half years.

During those three years ago I was asked by pastor Joshua to prepare a teaching which I was to teach to some Malawian pastors who would be visiting our church. I prepared the message “God is not mad at you” and started a relationship with you leadership, Apostal’s Sam, Larsen and Oupa George and Pastor George all heard me speak and George invited me to visit Malawi, and that invitation brought me into Malawi and this is already my fourth trip here.

In fact after I have completed this outreach tomorrow I would of preached more than 50 sermons in Malawi!

It is amazing what God can do and will do with someone who is in tune with Him. And He want you to tune into Him so that He can do exploits through your life too.

All that is required to become a might man or woman of God, it you commitment to doing it his way not matter the personal cost, no matter the changes you will have to make. Determine in your heart now – I want to be a visionary believer for God.

### **Prayer**

If you feel that you want to commit to doing what it takes. You heard my message of taking the time:

- GET TO KNOW GOD

- KNOWING YOUR PURPOSE IN LIFE
- ACTING ON WHAT GOD SHOW YOU

And you are prepared to make the changes, spend the time with God to seek Him in every area of your life. If this is you then stand up where you are and let's make the commitment to getting to know God!