

SEEING THE BULL'S EYE

Series - "No Bull"

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† When I accept that I am _____, that acceptance uncovers my hidden _____, and when that is fueled by God's _____, that reveals my _____ in this _____.

"Where there is no vision, the people perish" (Proverbs 29:19, KJV).

"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" (Pr. 29:18, MSG).

V.I.S.I.O.N.:

1. (V) = _____ WITH GOD.

"Abraham believed God . . . and so Abraham was called God's friend" (James 2:23, CEV).

"All this is done by God, through Christ changed us from enemies into His friends" (2 Cor. 5:18a, TEV).

Jesus said, "I no longer call you servants . . . I call you friends, for everything I learned from My Father I have made known to you" (John 15:15, NIV).

"He is a God who is passionate about His relationship with you" (Exodus 34:14, NLT).

"He made the entire human race and made the earth hospitable, with plenty of time and space for living so we could seek after God, and not just grope around in the dark but actually find Him" (Acts 17:26-27, MSG).

2. (I) = _____ FROM GOD.

"For days I mourned, fasted, and prayed to the God of heaven" (Nehemiah 2:4, NLT)

"Please grant me success today by making the king favorable to me. Put it into his heart to be kind to me.' In those days I was the king's cup-bearer" (Nehemiah 2:11, NLT).

† There is a tendency to confuse success with the _____ of success.

"You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives" (Genesis 50:20, NIV).

† *"Instead of cursing your surroundings, celebrate your faithfulness in spite of them. The problem with cursing your current surroundings is that, like anything else you curse, it becomes a focus. And to focus on what's around you diminishes your ability to focus on what's before you" (Andy Stanley, Visoneering, p.48).*

3. (S) = _____, NOT BLUEPRINTS

Jesus said, "Everything is possible with God" (Matt. 19:26, GWT).

Jesus said, "As far as possibilities go, everything is possible for the person who believes" (Mark 9:23, GWT).

† *"A visionary is different from a daydreamer. The difference between a daydream and a burning vision is the audacity to act. Vision is not simply the ability to see clearly; it's the courage to act. It's not just the ability to see or perceive or conceive a need, but to act on the need you perceive. For a vision to become a reality, someone must be willing to put their neck on the line" (Andy Stanley, Visoneering, pp. 17-18).*

God says, "Bring to the whole tithe, one-tenth of your income to Me (Malachi 3:10, PAR).

God said to Moses, "Take that shepherd's staff with you, and use it to do the miraculous signs" (Exodus 4:17, GWT).
"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path" (Psalm 119:105, NIV).

4. (I) = _____ THE IDEA TO A FEW WHO BELIEVE IN YOU AND WILL PRAY FOR YOU.

"By faith Noah, when warned about things not yet seen, in holy fear built an ark to save his family" (Hebrews 11:7a, NIV).

"By his faith he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness that comes by faith" (Hebrews 11:7b, NIV).

"This is the account of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time, and he walked with God" (Genesis 6:9, NIV).

† "Righteous" is the Hebrew word [צַדִּיק, tzaddiq] and it means "to keep the moral law." Noah did what was lawful and right. It says Noah was "blameless." It's the Hebrew word [תָּמִיץ, tammin] and this means Noah didn't have anything in his life that even appeared to be sin or wrong or evil.

"Abstain from all appearance of evil" (1 Thess. 5:22, KJV).

"Noah had three sons: Shem, Ham and Japheth. ¹¹Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight and was full of violence. ¹²God saw how corrupt the earth had become, for all the people on earth had corrupted their ways. ¹³So God said to Noah, "I am going to put an end to all people, for the earth is filled with violence because of them. I am surely going to destroy both them and the earth. ¹⁴So make yourself an ark of cypress wood; make rooms in it and coat it with pitch inside and out. ¹⁵This is how you are to build it: The ark is to be 450 feet long, 75 feet wide and 45 feet high. ¹⁶Make a roof for it and finish the ark to within 18 inches of the top. Put a door in the side of the ark and make lower, middle and upper decks" (Genesis 6:10-17, NIV).

5. (O) = _____ A TEAM TO HELP YOU.

"The LORD God had not sent rain on the earth . . . and there was no man to work the ground, but streams came up from the earth and watered the whole surface of the ground" (Genesis 2:5-6, NIV).

"But Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD" (Genesis 6:8, NIV).

6. (N) = _____ NEGAIVITY BY STAYING COMMITTED TO THE VISION FROM GOD.

"Noah did everything just as God commanded him" (Genesis 6:22, NIV).

"Trust the LORD and live right! ⁴ Do what the LORD wants, and He will give you your heart's desire. ⁵Let the LORD lead you and trust Him to help. ⁶ Then it will be as clear as the noonday sun that you were right. ⁷ Be patient and trust the LORD" (Psalm 37:4-7, CEV).

† September 6 - "Rodeo Clowns Make A Difference"
† September 13 - "The Bullpen"

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