

IGLESIA DE JESUCRISTO

OUR VISION

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INTRODUCTION

You may not get to understand the meaning of the word **vision** and you may have heard speaking of this or that visionary person or about those who make promises in their speeches several times, to carry out great works; but through the passing of time everything vanishes for they are just mere words. However, a true Vision, **the one that comes directly from God, always becomes a reality, remains and grows.**

The vision that the Lord called us to develop was born under the power of the Holy Spirit. The miracles of healing, restoration and financial prosperity, accompany the growth of the work of the Lord constantly. This is the letter of presentation that we have as a church, in our society and in every place that we can reach to bless people.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO HAVE VISION FROM GOD?

VISION is a set of yearnings and dreams, placed by God in the heart of the person called to His service, which accepts the challenges of faith, the projects of the Lord and brings them into completion in spite of everything and everyone, in order to bless thousands.

The Vision given by God, **can neither be negotiated, changed nor forsaken; it does not stop, but it continues growing** in spite of negative reports or phrases like “there is not any”, “I can’t”, “it is a waste” or “this is crazy”, all of these are Satan’s lies that must be rejected through faith, which is the confidence placed in God, in His Word and in each one of the 35.000 promises that one day He left us written in the Bible.

So as to defeat the devil we have to fight, it is necessary to make an effort, which means to “go beyond” of our own strength or resources. Just the way it happened when I accepted the call from God, one day I had to close down the furniture market I owed which was the only source of finances that I had by then.

For we must do our part and God will do His. We have to know and believe that God does the things we can not do by our own.

Firstly, when I say that the vision **“can not be negotiated”**, I am not only referring to money, but feelings, family, social pressures, and so on.

Secondly, when I say that **“it can not be changed”**, we may look for new ways and strategies to carry out the work of the Lord, but the Essence, that is, the Purity of the Vision does not change for it was born in the heart of God whose essence is love. What is more, the unique goal is the happiness and complete success of the human being.

“It can not be forsaken”, for anything or anyone. It has to become flesh in us and incorporate it to our daily living.

“The vision does not stop”, it should not stop because we have to take advantage of Satan and the demons which are relentless enemies. Furthermore, they do not rest, but persevere in preventing the Lord’s Work from becoming a reality.

Besides, it is necessary to fight, not with human strength or violence, but with the Power of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Moreover, we do not only have to fight through prayer or rebukes; but also through the service to God, and serving others.

So, we have to fight against our own limitations, selfish thoughts, lack of faith and confidence in God. Do fight and be steady in the things that God tells us is true. For reality is not what we see with our natural eyes.

Reality for the believer is the True of the Word. Do not be imprudent or irresponsible, but believe God each day more and more.

VISION OF THE CHURCH AND THE PERSONAL VISION

We talk about Vision as a Church but we also must have Personal Vision. It is impossible to separate one thing from the other; neither can not and should not be separated.

Also, we do not only have to grow in the Vision, faith, living experiences with God but also conquer areas in the church and in our personal life.

As a result of this, we can not attend a church with a great vision and be stagnant as individuals. Due to this, each of us has to have our own vision and grow.

So, those of us who belong to the body of Christ, who were called to this Vision in particular, must assume the responsibility to do what God asked us to do.

Thank the Lord, there are growing ministries in the church, such as the radio station, TV studio, web page, kindergarten, primary and secondary schools; things which seemed so far away and impossible to reach. However, they are a reality nowadays. Nevertheless, we have to be careful for when achievements like these are reached, Satan tries to disturb us through these blessings.

Who could have ever believed that we would have a church of such a multitude? It was born in my heart and I knew what it was going to happen. I saw the complex already finished, although many details are still missing.

As a congregation we will continue growing, having everything what God wants to give us within the Vision. I can see, not only the Clinic we will have, but the whole Market finished; where we will be able to buy food, clothes, construction materials, and so on. We will have everything we need to live a comfortable life, God's way.

In addition, the sport field with the different courts, synthetic grass and the Olympic sized swimming pool will become a reality; we will compete in international leagues, among other things. That is why it is necessary to work in the church, so that the children, the youth and the adults can enjoy of the benefits. God has everything we need! Let us kneel down our knees, for Jesus looked at them and said, **“With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.” Saint Matthew 19:26.**

In spite of the growth and the achievements, the most important thing we have to remember in every moment of our lives is the place where the Lord rescued us and **all the things He gave us without deserving anything. What is more, we have the privilege to be His Sons and to serve Him.** We always have to be humble. Do never believe we are so important to deserve God's blessings.

The vision is born and grows in the heart, but it is necessary to keep it intact with the purity of the Spirit. We must do that the Vision takes our spirit, soul and body.

We do not have to allow that the devil tarnish it with doubt, discord or human differences. It is time to crush our own reasons, to keep them deep inside us and let only the thoughts and desires from God to save the human beings is revealed; up to the last person who is born on earth.

We have to ask the Lord:

What should we do to save the Lord and all the generations? The responsibility is too important not to take it seriously.

There are two options for a person in the Church:

- He can work and help in the work of the Lord.
- Or he can cause problems.

The person that truly serves God works to bless people. However, those who just make promises, talk too much and do nothing. In addition, they disobey and question everything that is done in the work of the Lord.

As a church, corporately as well as personally we must have the same vision. We can not, as a person, or minister, have a different vision from the one that is being carried out in the Church.

If our personal Vision is not in agreement with the Vision of the Church, we should not go against it. But, if we want to develop this personal Vision anyway, we should go somewhere else to do so.

In my personal case, I had to leave the institution where I was born in the gospel, spiritually speaking, because God called me to do another thing.

However, while I was under the leadership of that Church, I submitted myself, I did not leave the plan, but worked and served God.

I was very jealous and faithful of the things of God and the Church. For that reason, it was hard for the church to believe that I was going to start another church. However, I obeyed the call and continued working to carry out the Vision.

GOALS AND AIMS OF THE VISION

When we, four of us, began to pray together, waiting to hear what God had to say to us and where we should go; we did not imagine the magnitude of the Vision.

God showed me things and I transmitted them to the church, as I continue doing. And it is very important that in each one of the satellite churches the same vision be transmitted, with the teachings that God continues revealing to me.

In all of the phases of our Church, God continued giving us according to His love, His purpose; until where we could administer and understand. For instance: in one moment God asked me to take the control of the financial administration of the church, and from that moment on everything changed for good, the financial area began to prosper and prosper more and more each day. Furthermore, the Lord will not stop blessing us.

God never shows all the Vision all at once.

As we grew in faith, believing God in all of His challenges, He continued adding the people and the media

ministry to develop His work. For it is God who brings the people to the church and it is He who has calls each one to the various ministries.

Because some people want to get in the church through “the window”, instead of doing it through the door, as it should be done, respecting the leadership. For we should not include the people on our own, or believe that we are too good. It is necessary to be under submission and in obedience; within the vision. Consequently, those who do not respect the vision of the church, cause problems and divisions.

In the case of our institution, those who are actively involved in the work of the Lord, have to attend discipleships; for there is where the teachings of the Word are given, through the person called by God to pastor and lead the people. In that way, we understand the Vision to serve in unity.

There are three things that characterize and accompany our Vision. These are **love, mercy and restoration to others**, which are always present, even up to this present time, since the first day in which God planted the Vision in my heart. In the society where we live, the fruits are visible.

Many mistakes and errors as a Church and also as individuals were made. Still, goals were achieved and many places were reached for the Lord.

Moreover, in each phase that we had to improve as a Church, we put **“the foot on the sea and it opened.”** **Joshua 3:13.** We have to continue opening seas, doing what God asks us to do. For the Lord continues calling people.

In addition, we will continue placing the foot on the sea and it will be opened.

Besides, we will continue praying for the sick and they will be healed. Also, we will be praying for the vision to prosper and grow each day more and more.

Most significantly, we all are part of the Church, the body of Christ, for the Vision walks as a Church with the person.

We do not have to be burdened by the Vision, but continue growing together and understanding it. For if we stop, our lives will be ineffective.

Nevertheless, if we are involved in the work of the Lord, working in obedience; within the Vision, then we grow in all the areas. If we were called to fulfill a Vision as a congregation, we must develop the Vision of our own lives in that context or under that leadership, in obedience and submission.

In that way, we can grow and develop in our ministries. For in the obedience you will find blessings.

In other words, we have to continue growing as a body of Christ, in each ministry, as people; without separating from the Vision of the Church.

In fact, we do not have to make the mistake to do things our way. For it usually happens that when the personal or ministerial growth comes, the tendency is to leave the coverage of the leadership.

In that way we will be able to grow in our ministries. For the Bible says; “you will receive blessings if you are obedient.”

We have to continue growing as a body of Christ, in each ministry, as people; without setting apart from the Vision of the Church.

We do not have to make the mistake to do things by our own. Because many times it happens that in the moment of the personal or ministerial growth, people tend to separate from the coverage of the church.

For instance: if something is needed to purchase for the church, there are professionals who specialize in specific areas and are well prepared to give wise opinions. However, the word of the pastor, the person called by God to lead is the one that will bear fruits. For he is the one that has Vision from God, as a result, he sees beyond.

Likewise, as for the growth of the church, we have to be prepared to make it grow beyond our own strength.

I ask myself and ask you:

When will the creation wait for the manifestation of the children of God?

Christ already left one marked path, a path of love and mercy, He did not only give His body as a sacrifice but He also shed his blood on the Cross of Calvary for the forgiveness of the human race.

Similarly, we, as a church, have to follow the steps of Christ and leave an indelible print so that everyone is able to walk through it and improve it.

For that reason, we must create all the conditions so that upcoming generations are changed.

As a result, we should not be selfish but work each day more and more, serving God and blessing others.

CONCLUSION

The Vision of the Church of Jesus Christ is the faithful reflection of what Christ did when he was on the earth. He always worked to bless the human race; preaching, blessing and performing miracles.

I encourage you that from the place where you are, whether a ministry position, a public workplace, a school or your home, **this is the time to march**, don't proceed on your own and pressuring others; **but work together**. Firstly, lifting each other in the Love and Restoration of God. Secondly, defending ourselves through Power of prayer.

I invite you to think, to wake up and stand firm on the Rock, who is Christ. I urge you to walk together to reach the goal, that is, to spread the good news of the Kingdom of God to the world.

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