

# Study QUESTIONS

## Ep. 1263: Does My Life Have a Motivating Vision?

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1. Why do New Year resolutions frequently fail? Why do we need a life vision? What happens if we don't have one? (See Proverbs 29:18)
2. How did Jesus motivate individuals? What does he offer to the two fishermen, the rich young ruler and to us? What does Jesus put in place of our human ambitions? (See Matthew 4:18-19, Mark 10:20-21, Luke 9:23-24)
3. What constitutes a "futile vision"? What is the danger in this kind of vision? Who should be at the center of our motivational vision? Describe a "fuzzy vision". What feeds it? Why do so many hold on to this kind of motivating vision? (See 2 Timothy 2:15-17, Colossians 1:27, James 1:22-24)
4. What is necessary to be a follower of Jesus? What is a "fiery vision"? How does a fiery vision enable us to see, and through whose eyes? (See Hebrews 12:2)
5. Describe the first step to developing a motivating vision. How do we know Habakkuk did not have a "wholesome vision" of the future? Do you relate to Habakkuk's request? What is accomplished by sincerely asking the Lord for help? How do *positive emotions* aid our thinking? (See Habakkuk 1:1-4, 1 Peter 4:12-13, Philippians 4:12)
6. How did God's answer to Habakkuk reflect our own time? Why DOES God permit evil? How does Habakkuk 1:12-13 resonate in your life? What should our *response* be to the troubles that surround us? (See Habakkuk 1:5-6, 9-13, Hebrews 4:14-16)
7. What is the second step to developing a motivation vision? How does Habakkuk's activity reflect this step? How does *engagement* help our focus? Describe how futile and fuzzy visions react to *resetting*. How should we approach a reset? (See Habakkuk 2:1, Acts 9:4-6, 10:19-20, Philippians 3:13-14)
8. How did God prepare Habakkuk to *receive* God's vision? What was the practical six-step process God gave him to recognize a goal and accomplish it? We need to establish a *relationship* with whom in order to have a relationship with God? (See Habakkuk 2:2-4, Proverbs 3:26)
9. What does *responding* to the vision entail? How do we know that the One True God has not abandoned us? How did Habakkuk's vision change? Once we understand the *meaning* behind troubles and difficulties, what can we change to cope with them? (See Habakkuk 2:18-20, 3:2, 16, Joshua 24:15, Daniel 3:17-18)
10. How can you *rejoice* like the prophet Habakkuk in chapter 3:17-19? Did the prophet's circumstances change for the better once he developed his vision and finally was able to adopt God's vision? What changed? How did he share this *accomplishment* with the people of Israel? (See Psalms 33:3, 18:33)
11. Are we lost forever if we backslide even a little bit? What should we do? How do you feel the invigoration of the vision given in Isaiah 40:30-31?