

# 2020 Vision – Part I

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### 2 keys in gaining 20/20 vision for your life

1. How does the image of God provide vision for my life?
2. How do I discover and yield to the image of God in me?

#### 1. How does the image of God provide vision for my life?

**Genesis 1:27 (NKJV)** - So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

- God wants his image in us unaltered
- God loves us so much He made us in His very image
- A strong spiritual life is discovering and living in that image
- The vision for your life is in that image, born out of God's love for you

**Matthew 22:16-21 (NKJV)** - And they sent to Him their disciples with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that You are true, and teach the way of God in truth; nor do You care about anyone, for You do not regard the person of men. Tell us, therefore, what do You think? Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?" But Jesus perceived their wickedness, and said, "Why do you test Me, you hypocrites? Show Me the tax money." So they brought Him a denarius. And He said to them, "Whose image and inscription is this?" They said to Him, "Caesar's." And He said to them, "Render or yield therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and render or yield to God the things that are God's."

- We are called to yield to the image of God in us

#### 2. How do I discover and yield to the image of God in me?

#### We have to first understand how this world distorts the image of God

**Colossians 2:8-10 (NLT)** - Don't let anyone capture you with empty philosophies and high-sounding nonsense that come from human thinking and from the spiritual powers of this world, rather than from Christ. For in Christ lives all the fullness of God in a human body. So you also are complete through your union with Christ, who is the head over every ruler and authority.

- We are captured when the image that governs our lives comes from human thinking and the spiritual powers of this world.

**Romans 12:2** - Don't conform to the image, behaviors and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by renewing your mind and changing the way you think. then you will learn to know God's will [His Vision] for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

### **How do I practically do this?**

**John 8:31-32 (NKJV)** - Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

What if I were yielded to the image of who we are in Christ, and thought, spoke, and acted like I were:

- Accepted and loved by God?
- Complete in Jesus?
- At peace amidst the storms of life?

**I cannot have the God's Word in my heart unless I put it there. The Word of God spoken over my life, defining who God is in me in Christ, changes everything.**

### **Next step - prayer and fasting**

- Prayer is the capacity to have vertical fellowship with the Living God, we commune with Him. He reveals His will to us.
- Fasting is about our relationship with the world.
- Fasting without prayer is just a diet.
- A diet changes the way you look, but fasting changes the way you see.
- Fasting isn't as much about denying self, as it is about indulging God.
- Fasting, coupled with prayer and God's Word, creates an intentional focus on who you are in Christ and we are transformed into His image.

**II Corinthians 3:18 (NKJV)** – So all of us who have had that blinding veil removed can see and reflect the glory of the Lord as in a mirror, and are being transformed into the same image glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.