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THE SINGLE-EYED BELIEVER Cont'd

PART 13

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THE SINGLE-EYED BELIEVER (continued)

"The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye is single, thy whole body shall be full of light." (Matthew 6:22 KJV)

Focus is the one thing that is capable of delivering your destiny on a platter of gold. Surely, it requires a boat load of discipline to be able to garner such focus that can help us to see our vision fulfilled, but the Lord will require nothing less than this of us. To this end, He has been showing us from the scriptures the examples that were written before us. In Micah 6:8, God simply puts it this way,

"He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the LORD require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?"

From this series so far we have been able to show how the power focus can bring a lot of good and evil depending on who is in charge of your focus. Also, from the aforementioned scripture (Micah 6:8), we see the three things the Lord requires from us regarding our future — and all three have the power to shape our focus for fulfillment. First, it is to do justly — to be guided by truth, reason, fairness and principles. Second, we are to love mercy or, to put it another way, to be tolerant (and we need the power of focus to be tolerant). Third is to walk humbly before our God — to be 100% dependent on Him. This is focus in action and this is what is required of us to fulfill our mission in life.

As we draw close on our study on focus, I know the journey to our future is far and sometimes daunting, but with our focus in the right direction, we are destined to win. I will like to admonish everyone — including myself — from Paul's letter to the Ephesians,

"Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might." (Ephesians 6:10)

To be able to conquer the world, we need to be strong in the Lord and be defined in the power of His might. In other words, we must have our focus functioning at the highest level of optimization.

We have been able to cover in these thirteen episodes, the need for vision, getting the first vision right, how having the right vision can make us wonder about the world, the danger of little foxes that spoil the vines and the power of focus — how focus can give us the singleness of purpose that drives our fulfillment. We have seen many examples of how having a vision with the right focus can change the trajectory of any generation. The next assignment before us now is to show us and teach us how we can know for sure that our vision aligns with God's for our lives. What are the ways to be certain that we will end our journey well?

Apostle Paul in Ephesians 6:11 gives us the clue when he writes, "Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil." (Ephesians 6:11 KJV)

Any time you put on armor of any kind, it suggests that you are ready for battle. We need this armor in order to be able to withstand whatever the world might throw our way. When you know that you are on the right road, no matter how difficult the journey might seem, you are sure of a happy ending.

The need for us to know that our vision is legitimate and comes from God stems from our anchor scripture in Habakkuk 2:2-3,

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for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry."

If you are not sure of your vision, you will write the wrong thing down — and that will be the greatest error anyone could commit! It will be extremely difficult to make it plain or legible so that helpers can come along the way and have a clear understanding of your vision. Every vision is for an appointed time, and wrong visions are bound to miss their target. They become muted and wouldn't mind frustrating a visionary's effort as being a total waste of effort and time which will never see the light of the day. To be able to stand against the wiles of the devil, we must have our understanding and vision deepened.

THE CASE STUDY OF JOSEPH

The life of Joseph gives us a clear description of how to know when our vision is authentic and the discipline it takes to see it manifest in our very eyes.

Jesus promised us in Matthew 16:19 to give us the keys of the kingdom once our understanding of His revelation is validated. He says,

"And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

Genesis 37 shows us the beginning of the life of Joseph and the lessons or the keys he employed in discerning that he was pursuing the right vision. Joseph dreamed a dream — this is the beginning of all his greatness! Greatness always begins with a dream, an idea or a vision. Are you ready to dream? Are you ready to dream again? Are you ready to fulfill your destiny? Are you ready to learn the ways to operate the keys of the kingdom authoritatively?

"And Joseph dreamed a dream, and he told it his brethren: and they hated him yet the more."

From the next episode, we shall begin to consider the seventeen keys to knowing how authentic our vision is. As we go on, we will be consolidating some nuggets. May the Lord give us understanding in Jesus' name. Amen.

CALL TO ACTION

Are you on the same page with God?
Do you know your timing?
Are you prepared to give it whatever it takes?
Are you willing to change your course of action?
Are you focused?
Have you found your 'first vision'?

PONDER THIS: "PREPARE THY WORK"

"Prepare thy work without, And make it fit for thyself in the field; And afterwards build thine house." (Proverbs 24:27 KJV)

The way to fully prepare your work without is to truly know and pursue your vision; that's when you can build your future.

PRAYER POINTS

- 1. Father, give me the discerning grace to know what is rightfully man in Jesus' name.
- 2. I declare that I fulfill my calling totally and absolutely in the name of Jesus.

PS: Reach out or pray for ten souls to be added to the Kingdom in your area. God bless you as you do so.