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## THREE STEPS TO A SUBSTANCIAL FUTURE

SERIES: VISION FOR 2020\_02

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Matthew 6:19-24 KJV

**19** Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: (KJV)

**19** "Do not store up riches for yourselves here on earth, where moths and rust destroy, and robbers break in and steal. (TEV)

**20** But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: (KJV)

**20** Instead, store up riches for yourselves in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and robbers cannot break in and steal. (TEV)

**21** For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. (KJV)

**21** For your heart will always be where your riches are. (TEV)

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

**22** "The eyes are like a lamp for the body. If your eyes are sound, your whole body will be full of light; (TEV)

**23** But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness! (KJV)

**23** but if your eyes are no good, your body will be in darkness. So if the light in you is darkness, how terribly dark it will be! (TEV)

**24** No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon. (KJV)

**24** "You cannot be a slave of two masters; you will hate one and love the other; you will be loyal to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money. (TEV)

### INTRODUCTION

This Series focuses on living a life driven by vision of What God has called us to be. We need to learn how to Balance our life. The problem is that most of us have a tendency to work on our public lives and let our private lives slide. We work on how we look and how we smile and how we talk, but people don't see your private life, so you sometimes let that slide. These messages focus on what it takes to develop long distance vision, a life-long purpose to be pursued, as well as the ability to develop a strategy toward growth in the Christian Life. This vision for 2020 is about personal and spiritual growth that define your God given vision for the coming Year.

#### Some keys to remember about vision:

1. God's vision will **always extend you** beyond your ability and your comfort zone.
2. God's vision will **always require His provision.**
3. Never worry about **how**. If God gives you the vision, **He will** release provision. If it's a God-given dream, then He will intervene!
4. Your job is to:

1. **Believe** it – this opens the door to the possibility of it in your life.
2. **Receive** it in your heart – this is where you settle the issue in internally and you close the door to worry.
3. **Declare** it with your mouth – this will help you release your faith; speak faith-filled words and NEVER speak against the vision!
4. **Step out** in faith for it with your actions – faith without works is dead!

### **I. Keep Your \_\_\_\_\_ Pure (vv. 19-21)**

Our Treasure – Where Do You Invest? (vv. 19-21)

### **II. Keep Your \_\_\_\_\_ Clear (vv. 22-23)**

Our Vision - How Clearly Do You See? (vv. 22-23)

**Helen Keller** said, "**Better to be blind and to see with your heart than to have two good eyes and see nothing.**"

### Application:

1. **Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you through this process.**
2. **With the Holy Spirit's help, evaluate your strengths and weaknesses.**
3. **Consider where this list is calling you to serve.**

### **III. Keep Your \_\_\_\_\_ Strong (v. 24)**

Our Master - Whom or What Do You Serve? (v. 24)

**C.S. Lewis** said about our prayer life: "**We must lay before Him what is in us, not what ought to be in us**

### Conclusion

Even in the areas in which you have no victory today, God has a plan to use these struggles for his glory. As you look at your list, both the strengths and the weaknesses, you are looking at the raw materials of his vision for your life.

Therefore, it's so important that we make an honest, accurate, Holy Spirit empowered self-examination.

**Carl Jung** said this about vision. "Your vision will become clear only when you can look into your own heart. Who looks outside, dreams; who looks inside, awakes."

He's talking about seeing yourself — and your life — with the kind of clarity we have been talking about today. **Living with 2020 Vision means that we are able to see, with precision and accuracy, who we are and where we are.**

When **Ted Williams** was just a kid, he had a dream of being one of the all-time greats. He had a dream of making it to the Hall of Fame. But before his image could be enshrined in Cooperstown, he first had to perfect his swing. And before he could swing the bat, he had to see, with clarity, the next pitch that was coming his way. Lucky for him, he was born with perfect vision.

Our perfect vision comes through a process, led by the Holy Spirit. God has a plan for your life — a long-term, big picture vision for what he wants to accomplish through you. Before you can grasp this vision, you need to be able see — with accuracy and precision — who you are and where you are in this very moment.

I. Heart II. Eye III. Hand