

A Vision for a Blessed Life

Proverbs 29:18 (MEV) Where there is no vision, the people perish; but happy is he who keeps the teaching.

Proverbs 29:18 (GWT) Without prophetic vision people run wild, but blessed are those who follow God's teachings.

Proverbs 29:18 (NIV) Where there is no revelation, people cast off restraint; but blessed is the one who heeds wisdom's instruction.

- ✓ Vision is born out of the tension of what **could** be and **should** be.
- ✓ Vision causes people to remain focused, endure, and even sacrifice to **achieve** it.

Psalms 112 (NIV) Praise the LORD. Blessed are those who fear the LORD, who find great delight in his commands. ²Their children will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed. ³Wealth and riches are in their houses, and their righteousness endures forever. ⁴Even in darkness light dawns for the upright, for those who are gracious and compassionate and righteous. ⁵Good will come to those who are generous and lend freely, who conduct their affairs with justice. ⁶Surely the righteous will never be shaken; they will be remembered forever.

Part 1 – The Story of Shame

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⁷They will have no fear of bad news; their hearts are steadfast, trusting in the LORD. ⁸Their hearts are secure, they will have no fear; in the end they will look in triumph on their foes. ⁹They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor, their righteousness endures forever; their horn will be lifted high in honor. ¹⁰The wicked will see and be vexed, they will gnash their teeth and waste away; the longings of the wicked will come to nothing.

A Blessed Life:

- ✓ Begins with the **fear** of God.
- ✓ Understands the purpose of **prosperity**.
- ✓ Lives a life of **generosity**.