

Vision

The gift of vision is the ability to receive and communicate a compelling image of a process, outcome, or state of being that God desires for individuals, the church or society.

Scriptural References

Exodus 3:7-8, 2 Kings 22:14-20, Isaiah 30:18-26, Jeremiah 32:1-3, 6-29, 37-44, Ezekiel 37:1-14, Luke 2:36-38, Luke 14:12-14, Acts 10:9-35

Biblical Models

Moses, Huldah, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Anna, Jesus, Peter

People with this gift can

- Receive and communicate a clear, realistic image of a future for the church.
- Inspire others to volunteer to work toward the future.
- Connect the future to the immediate past and present, and to Biblical examples.

Cautions

- May not have the gifts of Leadership or Organization which are needed to realize the vision.
- May lack patience to communicate the vision.
- May not have the courage and/or wisdom to deal with conflict.
- May not be able to distinguish helpful suggestions from obstructing criticism.
- May lack self-awareness and confuse personal projects with God's purposes.

Personal Traits

- Intuitive
- Inspired
- Prayerful
- Passionate
- Thoughtful

Tips for nurturing this gift

- Keep up to date on current social trends, developments in science, etc.
- Know your church's present context in all its aspects.
- Have a thorough knowledge of the Bible, of God's previous visions for God's people at different times in history, and of God's purposes for the Church.

Possible Tasks

- Minister, long-range planning, project initiator, resident visionary for the congregation, ...

Not to be confused with the responsibility of all Christians to ...

Hope.