

20/20 VISION

Vision 2020 – What's Your Plan?

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In the Christmas story, Luke carefully outlines the details of Jesus birth. The next 18-year period of his life is summarized by this one verse:

And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man. Luke 2:52 NIV

These four ways Jesus grew could serve to shape our vision for 2020:

1. Vision to grow in wisdom

*How much better to get wisdom than gold, to get insight rather than silver!
Proverbs 16:16 NIV*

If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. James 1:5 NIV

Action steps?

2. Vision to grow in physical health

Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honour God with your bodies. I Corinthians 6:19-20 NIV

“At the end of the ten days, Daniel and his three friends looked healthier and better nourished than the young men who had been eating the food assigned by the king. So after that, the attendant fed them only vegetables instead of the food and wine provided for the others.” Daniel 1:15-16 NLT

Action Plan?

3. Vision to grow spiritually

Have nothing to do with godless myths and old wives' tales; rather, train yourself to be godly. For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come. I Timothy 4:7-8 NIV

You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness. Ephesians 4:22-24 NIV

“We have not stopped praying for you since we first heard about you. We ask God to give you complete knowledge of his will and to give you spiritual wisdom and understanding. Then the way you live will always honor and please the Lord, and your lives will produce every kind of good fruit. All the while, you will grow as you learn to know God better and better.” Colossians 1:9-10 NLT

Action Steps?

4. Vision to grow in relationships

A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. John 13:34 NIV

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves. Philippians 2:3 NIV

We should not stop gathering together with other believers, as some of you are doing. Instead, we must continue to encourage each other even more as we see the day of the Lord coming. Hebrews 10:25 GW

Action Steps?

I focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us. Philippians 3:13b-14 NLT