

DON'T GIVE UP ON YOUR DREAMS

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Visions enable us to see the future in the present and it has the ability to direct our lives. With a God given vision, we live purpose driven lives because no significant event happens overnight, its fulfillment takes time. It took thirteen years for Joseph to see the fulfillment of his dreams. It took between fifteen to twenty years for David's dream to become a reality. Besides the journey to the fulfillment of one's vision will pass through difficult time and take unexpected turns. Joseph experienced difficult times from the pit to slavery.

It should be noted that it is not that God is merely delaying the fulfillment of the vision. He has placed on our hearts rather He is preparing us for its fulfillment and so we have to go through some divine preparation. He is building our character so that we will not only achieve the vision but have the ability to sustain it because this is very important. Joseph's dream was fulfilled at the age of thirty and because his character had been well refined and he enjoyed the fruits of his patience in being made by God till the day of his death at the age of one hundred and ten years Gen. 50v26.

Your gifting can take you to the top but it is your character that will sustain you at the top. If not, it will be a disaster. God uses the waiting period to build our character. Our text said for the vision is yet for an appointed time but at the end it will speak and it will not lie, though it tarries wait for it, because it will surely come it will not tarry long.

We will surely achieve our dreams if we do not give up but we must pay attention to the following while waiting for the fulfillment of our vision:

1. We must look up to God for help for without Him we can do nothing – John 15v5. This is because He is our maker and holds the direction and roadmap to our destiny. This is why the word of God teaches that He has engraved us in His palms and so only Him could lead us to where He has designed us to be.

2. We must pay attention to serving others. This is because the seed of our dreams are planted while serving others. The seed of Joseph dream was planted when he interpreted the dreams of Pharaoh – Gen. 40:5-13. Service to God and others are some of the greatest values that can help one to climb to the top. We must learn to humble ourselves and see whatever assignment and opportunity we have as a point of service to God and humanity.

3. We must handle offence and anger rightly so as not to generate negative emotion such as hatred, forgiveness and bitterness. We must imbibe and maintain strong positive values such as honesty, integrity, holiness, respect, kindness, love etc.

4. We must separate ourselves from dream killers. Joseph ran away from Potiphar wife Gen. 39v12. This is because wrong communication and bad association corrupts good manner. We must not be unequally yoked with unbelievers. We must look up to God at all time to help us chart our destiny

5. We must draw closer to dream encouragers whatever the Lord begin, He will end it gloriously. He never abandons His project because we are projects in His mighty hands – Phil. 1v6. We must trust Him and have unshakeable faith and confidence in Him because He is faithful to bring His words and promises to pass in our lives.

We must believe in Him to help us bring to fulfillment His purpose for our lives. It is then that our God given vision will be gloriously achieved and sustained in Jesus name. Amen

But the starting point is to surrender and submit to His authority as the Lord. So if you are reading this message and yet to hand over your life to Him, please just bow your head and ask Him for mercy and forgiveness of your sin and promise Him that henceforth you will no longer go back to them. As long as you do this genuinely from your heart, your salvation and deliverance has come and definitely your life will never remain the same again as you are now on the path way to achieving your God given purpose.

God bless you.

