

THE SOURCE OF VISION

Introduction – When I worked for TSA of the Homeland Security, I learned more about IED’s than I cared to know. We used an acronym to describe the four main parts of the explosive: P.I.E.S. – Power Source, Initiator (Detonator), Explosive and Switch. If I were to ascribe this same acronym to vision, three of the four parts would describe today’s message – the SOURCE of vision. Only the explosive itself would be used to describe the vision itself. That’s how important today’s word is.

***DISCUSSION QUESTION:** How would last week’s message, THE NECESSITY OF VISION, fit into this whole analogy of terrorism and explosives?

PROVERBS 29:18 (K.J.V.) – “Where there is NO VISION, the people PERISH...”

Springing from an ever-deepening relationship with Jesus Christ, OUR VISION is the restoration of authentic New Testament Christianity and the evangelization of the world. Furthermore, it is OUR CONVICTION that it is God’s will and desire that every lost person be saved, and every saved person become a disciple, and that every disciple go on to leadership (productivity).

****SPRINGING FROM AN EVER-DEEPENING RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS...***

1. SPRINGING FROM

**** John 7:38 – “Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him.”***

A. THE STARTING POINT

B. THE SOURCE

C. IF NOT...

- **Drudgery v Delight**
- **Dead Works v Faith Works**
- **Death v Life**

FURTHER DISCUSSION:

1. In what way is this both the “starting point” and the “source”, and how do they differ?
2. What is the result of vision that doesn’t spring from relationship? Expound.

2. RELATIONSHIP (An Ever-Deepening)

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A. RELIGION v RELATIONSHIP

B. JESUS DISDAIN FOR RELIGIOUS PEOPLE

FURTHER DISCUSSION:

3. Pastor said that some will miss heaven by 18 inches. What did he mean by this, and how does it fit with point A?
4. With whom did Jesus show all the patience in the world?
5. Why did he have so little tolerance for the Pharisees & Saducees?

3. AN EVER-DEEPENING (Relationship)

* *Hosea 6:3* – “*Oh that we might know the Lord. Let us press on to know Him.*”

* *2 Cor 3:18* – “*And we ... are being transformed into His likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord.*”

* *Phil 3:10a, 12c* – “*I want to know Christ ... I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me.*”

A. NOTE: THE “PRESSING ON” AND “EVER-INCREASING”

B. THREE LEVELS OF “KNOWING” (SHOWING PROGRESSION)

- **FORMAL**
- **CASUAL**
- **INTIMATE**

FURTHER DISCUSSION:

6. Discuss the three levels of “knowing”. What do they each represent and how do they show progression?
7. Why is it critical that we continue to press on to know Him more? How did Paul exemplify this?
8. How does the marriage relationship mirror this?