
Running With The Vision, Part II (Executing The Plan)

God's Vision Plan

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Sermon: God's Vision Plan: Running With The Vision, Part II (Executing The Plan)

Lesson Text

Habakkuk 2:1–2 (AV)¹ I will stand upon my watch, and set me upon the tower, and will watch to see what he will say unto me, and what I shall answer when I am reproved. ² And the LORD answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make *it* plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it.

John 9:1–4 (AV)¹ And as *Jesus* passed by, he saw a man which was blind from *his* birth. ² And his disciples asked him, saying, Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind? ³ Jesus answered, **Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him. ⁴ I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.**

Philippians 1:6 (AV)⁶ Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform *it* until the day of Jesus Christ:

Introduction

Last week we looked at Running with the Vision from the Perspective of Process:

- Walk with the Vision – Breaking Through The Fainting Stage
- Run with the Vision – Breaking Through The Weary Stage
- Fly with the Vision – Breaking Through The Take Off Stage

Today we will look at Running with the Vision from the Perspective of Performance.

Jeremiah 29:11 (BSB)¹¹ For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, to give you a future and a hope.

A plan is essentially a set of instructions that must be followed in order to complete the purpose. If you don't follow the instructions, you will not complete the assignment or task.

And this is why some people never truly walk into their purpose. They're anointed with gifts; they've received the call; they have the plan; but they never perform or execute the instructions.

How many of you have done the Dave Ramsey Financial Peace Program? How many of you have created a budget? Now how many of you actually manage your finances according to the budget on a weekly basis?

I managed our finances and tracked our budget to the penny every day, and it drove my wife crazy, but it quadrupled our savings in less than 6 months.

Simply paying for the class, getting the tapes, and doing the budget does not get you to debt cancellation and financial peace. You must actually execute the plan. It's not simply about having a Vision of your Destiny, but Executing the specific instructions on how to get there!

Philippians 1: ⁶ Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform *it* until the day of Jesus Christ:

Once we know the Process of Running with the Vision, we must Execute it by Working, Performing, and Finishing it!

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“Working the Vision, Performing the Vision, Finishing the Vision”

I. Working The Vision

John 9:⁴ ***I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.***

The first key to Executing the Plan is Working It!

People can be so focused in getting to the blessings of the Vision tomorrow, that they miss the Work of the Vision today.

Work is not about Raise or Increase day, Work is not about Promotion or Elevation Day, Work is not even about Riches or Reward Day, it is about what you do TODAY!

Jesus said He must work while it is day; and we must work while it is day.

The Work of today is the everyday challenges, drama, issues, fight, and struggles of life.

John 9: ² And his disciples asked him, saying, Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind? ³ Jesus answered, ***Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him.***

The people we're called to need us to Work Today; The challenges and struggles we deal with need us to Work Today; The calling and ministry we are anointed for need us to Work Today!

Philippians 2:¹³ For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of *his* good pleasure.

And the reason why we must Work is because the Night is Coming: John 9:⁴ ***I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.***

The night is coming, so we need to work today. Life is coming, so we need to work today. Drama is coming, so we need to work today. People are coming, so we need to work today. The cares of life are coming, so we need to work today.

No matter what happened yesterday, we need to work today. No matter what happens tomorrow, we need to work today!

Matthew 6: ³³ ***But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.*** ³⁴ ***Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.***

Revelation 22:¹² **And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.**

II. Performing The Vision

Philippians 1:⁶ **Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it** until the day of Jesus Christ:

The next key to Executing the Plan is Perfecting and Performing It.

To perfect the vision means to reach a level of proficiency and expertise; and to perform the vision means to implement, accomplish, and achieve it. To continue until you reach success.

Working on a job is not the same as performing the job. Just because a person is working doesn't mean that they are accomplishing or achieving the purpose of the work.

When we first start a job, although we may have been to school for it, we are still basically learning on the job.

2 Timothy 3:⁷ Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.

At a certain point, you have to move from learning and working, to perfecting and performing!

A lot of people spend their life going from one job to the next, but they never perform; Going from ministry to ministry, but they never perform; Going from relation to relationship, but they never perform!

They never reach a level of proficiency or expertise; they never accomplish or achieve! They are always starting, but they never finish!

Perform The Vision with Confidence (Assurance & Certainty):

- Philippians 1:⁶ **Being confident of this very thing...**
- Jeremiah 1:⁵ Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, *and* I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations.
- 2 Peter 1:¹⁰ Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall:
- 2 Corinthians 1:²⁰ For all the promises of God in him *are* yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us.

Perform the Vision with Perfection (Accomplish & Achieve):

- Philippians 1:⁶ **...he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:**
- Philippians 4:¹³ I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.
- Psalm 138:⁸ The LORD will perfect *that which* concerneth me: thy mercy, O LORD, *endureth* for ever: forsake not the works of thine own hands.

III. Finishing The Vision

Philippians 1:⁶ Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it **until the day of Jesus Christ:**

The final key to Executing the Plan is Finishing It!

- First We Must Work It: John 9:⁴ **I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.**
- Next We Must Perform It: Philippians 1:⁶ Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:
- Finally, We Must Finish It.

Jesus began a good work in us, and if He started something, He's going to finish it.

We've got to tell the devil, "Don't Start Nothing, and it Won't Be Nothing!" – "But since you're already started it, God's going to Finish It!"

Philippians 1:⁶ ... **until the day of Jesus Christ:**

When we fall or fail, the devil wants us to give up. But God says get up and Finish.

"It Ain't Over Until The Fat Lady Sings" is a colloquialism that means that as long as you're still in the game, it ain't over. God says, "It Ain't Over Until He Says It's Over, So Finish It!"

When you fall, "It Ain't Over Until God Says It's Over; So Finish It":

- Micah 7: ⁸ Rejoice not against me, O mine enemy: when I fall, I shall arise; when I sit in darkness, the LORD *shall be* a light unto me.
- Ephesians 6: ¹⁰ Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. ¹¹ Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

When you feel weak, "It Ain't Over Until God Says It's Over; So Finish It":

- Galatians 6: ⁹ And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.
- Isaiah 40: ³¹ But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew *their* strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; *and* they shall walk, and not faint.

When you're not able, "It Ain't Over Until God Says It's Over; So Finish It":

- Ephesians 3:²⁰ Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,
- Jeremiah 29:¹¹ For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.
- 2 Samuel 22:³⁰ For by thee I have run through a troop by my God have I leaped over a wall.

Midweek Study Lesson Plan (Sermon: Running With The Vision, Part II (Executing The Plan))

Lesson Text

- Habakkuk 2:1–2, John 9:1–4, Philippians 1:3–6

Sermon Outline (Notes)

I. Working the Vision

II. Performing The Vision

III. Finishing The Vision

Questions (What was your main takeaway from Sunday’s Sermon?)

I. Getting to Know “Me”

1. If instead of signing your name, you have to use 3 emojis to indicate who you are, which 3 emojis would you use and why?
2. When you are making a plan to do something, do you like to work (a) alone (b) with one other person (c) with a whole group of people?

II. Into the Bible

1. According to Matthew 5:14-16, we are to let our light shine before men. How is shining one’s light related to good works?
2. What did Jesus mean when he told the disciples in John 14:12-14 they would do greater works than he did? What does this mean for the believer?

III. Life Application

1. Do you have a plan to work towards your vision? Will you have to change some of your habits to accomplish your vision?
2. What are some daily strategies you can use and share with others to help execute the vision consistently?