



# TAKING UP THE VISION

1 Corinthians 12:25-27 (AMP)



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## **Why Should We have a Keen Interest in Knowing the Vision of our Church?**

- We should always want to know what we are a part of
- We should want to know where a leader is attempting to lead us
- We should want to know the essential part we are to add to the vision



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## Defining Vision

Vision answers the question “**where**”. Where are we going as a ministry? Vision is always given to a leader of a group. It is the leader’s role to convey that vision to the group and it is the groups role to assist with its implementation. Vision provides insight & guidance to the reason God places people in a Kingdom community and helps to define their role and purpose.



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## **Mission Initiative...**

is the Missional efforts outlined  
and activated in a local assembly



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**We are placed in the local body  
by God himself to play a distinctive role**

*<sup>18</sup> But now God has put every one  
of the parts in the body as it was pleasing to him.  
<sup>19</sup> And if they were all one part, where would the body be?  
<sup>20</sup> But now they are all different parts, but one body.*

**1 Corinthians 12:18-20 (BBE)**



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*<sup>25</sup> So that there should be no division or discord or lack of adaptation [of the parts of the body to each other], but the members all alike should have a mutual interest in and care for one another. <sup>26</sup> And if one member suffers, all the parts [share] the suffering; if one member is honored, all the members [share in] the enjoyment of it. <sup>27</sup> Now you [collectively] are Christ's body and [individually] you are members of it, each part severally and distinct [each with his own place and function].*

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## Defining Mission

Mission points to the “**how**” individual ministries will tackle the overarching vision given them by God. In other words, how will they implement the vision? However, the mission requires a ministry to understand just what God has called them to do, who He’s called them to be and where He’s called them to serve. To avoid failure, a ministry must work as a collective team or unit with one focus and that is to accomplish as a team the will of the Father in the earth.



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**Before anyone can properly connect they must  
FIRST understand that God intends for the  
Church to operate as a team or in UNITY**

- 1Corinthians 1:10-11
- Ephesians 4:15-16 (NLT2)
- Colossians 3:13-15 (ETRV)



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## Things to know about Personal Vision

- Personal vision should never **Conflict or Compete** with the Main Vision
- Personal vision is given by God to **Connect** to the mission initiatives of the church
- Personal vision is given to **Complete** the missing pieces of the bigger Vision



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## **What is Purpose?**

Purpose is the main emphasis to our “**why**”. Why did God call us to this area of ministry? Why were we joined together for Kingdom service? If purpose is never discovered or developed many times a ministry will become occupied with mundane things or with distracting task. Every ministry must have purpose. God, who has called us, has also defined us. It is up to us to understand how to walk in our calling.



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## **When people fail to connect to a vision:**

- They fail to move in the direction ordained for the ministry
- They tend to become disengaged with the church, leadership & others
- They will eventually become disgruntled, critical of everyone (especially leadership) & sooner or later leave or die



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## **People who failed to connect to vision:**

- **Korah** – Conflicted with the vision of Moses (Num 16)
- **Judas** - Became disconnected from the vision of the Messiah (Jn 12:4-6/Matt 26:14-16)
- **Eli & Sons** – Failed to complete their part of the puzzle in Israel's worship (1 Sam 2:12-17,22-25)



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**How do we get connected to the Vision?**

**Know the heart of God and the place that he's placed you**

(Matt 6:33)

**Know the heart of those who have been entrusted w/ the vision**

(1Thes 5:12)

**Get to know the vision, the mission & purpose of the church**

(Hab 2:2)

**Make up your mind to do your part**

(1Cor 12:27(AMP))

# NLT Vision Statement

New Life Temple Church is a beacon of light to the global community, restoring lives to complete wholeness in Christ while helping all discover true Kingdom purpose.

# NLT Mission Statement

- Restoration to the abundant life is our mission. Our restorative mission is purposed to reach the nations and will be implemented through...(P.R.E.E.C.H):
  - *•Preaching & Teaching a sound doctrine to the Kingdom of God*
  - *•Returning to the true standards of Kingdom worship*
  - *•Evangelizing & Discipling our individual and global communities*
  - *•Equipping others for the work of ministry*
  - *•Commissioning laborers to go work the Harvest with the gifts imparted to them*
  - *•Helping restore identity & purpose to the whole man in order to serve in excellence to the Kingdom of God*

# NLT Purpose Statement

The purpose of New Life Temple is to be an **Apostolic Center** that restores, trains & sends people to the nations in order to fulfill their Kingdom calling.