

Shaping Your Personal Vision

Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. Instead, you ought to say, "If it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that."

JAMES 4:14-15

The World's Message Regarding Personal Vision:

- Personal security is not guaranteed.
- Possessions can be stolen, broken, burnt up, destroyed, lost.
- Positions come and go.
- Reputations are lost.
- Jobs disappear.
- Good health can ebb away.
- Security is nonexistent.
- Beauty fades with age.
- Relationships are easily broken.
- Death can come without advance notice.

What God Offers Your Personal Vision:

- Real help
- Behind-the-scenes assistance
- Lasting security
- A life filled with purpose
- Everlasting life
- A personal vision with a godly plan

For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place, but you and your father's family will perish. And who knows but that you have come to royal position for such a time as this?

ESTHER 4:14

The Biblical Character Esther Had A Personal Vision To Save Her People From Extinction:

1. She risked her own security.
2. She lived a life full of godly purpose.
3. She was a chosen vessel for her time.
4. She risked her future.
5. She exhibited courage that did not take the place of careful and strategic planning.
6. She combined purpose, planning, and courage.
7. She was open to the advice of others.
8. She was willing to take action.
9. She was more concerned about others than herself.

10. She was a person of great integrity and character.

12. She understood that God was working “behind the scenes” to fulfill her personal vision and destiny.

11. She risked her life for others.

Principles Learned From Esther’s Personal Vision:

1. Personal vision will guide your life.

7. Personal vision will always face challenges and setbacks.

2. Personal vision gives you purpose.

8. Our only security is in God and His unchanging nature.

3. God uses others to help you fulfill your destiny.

9. Uncomfortable situations and awkward circumstances can actually help us fulfill our personal purpose and vision.

4. God will work on your behalf.

10. Don’t be afraid; have faith in God.

5. God is always working behind the scenes.

6. Move forward with personal purpose even without guarantees of success.

Is it time to pause for reflection? Stop for a few minutes, and write out a sentence or two that captures the following about you. You can call it assessing your potential. It will be your personal analysis, your skill evaluation, your gifting assessment.

My Goals	My Experience	My Skills
Personal	Industry Experience	Language Skills
Family	Job Function Held	Public Speaking
Religious	Education	Hobbies
Financial	Training	People Skills
Retirement	Coursework	Financial Condition
Other	Other	Other