

# VISION: LOOKING BEYOND THE OBVIOUS

## Developing Winning Character – Part 2

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Vision, like courage and discipline, is a character trait that can be \_\_\_\_\_ in our lives.

### VISION IS THE GOD-GIVEN ABILITY...

1. To See Possible \_\_\_\_\_ To Everyday Problems

#### ACTION STEPS TOWARD PROBLEM SOLVING...

- \_\_\_\_\_ Matthew 19:26.

**Matthew 19:26 (NIV)** “Jesus looked at them and said, ‘With man this is impossible, but **with God all things are possible.**’”

- Get \_\_\_\_\_ with God.

**James 1:5 (NCV)** “**But if any of you needs wisdom, you should ask God for it. He is generous and enjoys giving to all people, so He will give you wisdom.**”

- \_\_\_\_\_ with solution-oriented people.

**Proverbs 10:20 (NLT)** “**The words of the godly are like sterling silver; the heart of a fool is worthless.**”

- \_\_\_\_\_ several possible solutions and \_\_\_\_\_ on one of them.

**Proverbs 18:15 (NLT)** *“Intelligent people are always open to new ideas. In fact, they look for them.”*

**Proverbs 16:9 (TEV)** *“You may make your plans, but God directs your actions.”*

**2. To See \_\_\_\_\_  
Of People's Lives**

**Proverbs 20:5 (NLT)** *“Though good advice lies deep within a person's heart, the wise will draw it out.”*

**Matthew 16:18 (NIV)** *“And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.”*

**Galatians 2:9 (NIV)** *“James, Peter and John, those reputed to be pillars, gave me and Barnabas the right hand of fellowship when they recognized the grace given to me.”*

**3. To See What God Wants To Do \_\_\_\_\_ Your Life**

**Exodus 4:10 & 13 (NLT)** *“But Moses pleaded with the LORD, ‘O Lord, I'm just not a good speaker. I never have been, and I'm not now, even after You have spoken to me. I'm clumsy with words’...<sup>13</sup> But Moses again pleaded, ‘Lord, please! Send someone else.’”*

**Ephesians 1:4-5 (TEV)** *“Even before the world was made, God had already chosen us to be His through our union with Christ, so that we would be holy and without fault before Him. Because of His love<sup>5</sup> God had already decided that through Jesus Christ He would make us His children...”*

**1 Peter 4:10 (TLB)** *“God has given each of you some special abilities; be sure to use them to help each other, passing on to others God's many kinds of blessings.”*

**Luke 22:41-42 (NIV)** *“He (Jesus) withdrew about a stone's throw beyond them, knelt down and prayed, <sup>42</sup> ‘Father, if you are willing, take this cup from Me; yet not My will, but Yours be done.’ ”*