

THE MASTERCRAFT:

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TEXTS: PROV 29:18

KJV “Where There Is No Vision, The People Perish; But He That Keeps The Law, Happy Is He.”

CBS “Without Revelation People Run Wild, But One Who Follows Divine Instruction Will Be Happy.”

MSG ““If People Can’t See What God Is Doing, They Stumble Over Themselves; But When They Attend To What He Reveals, They Are Most Blessed.”

NLT “When People Do Not Accept Divine Guidance, They Run Wild. But Whoever Obeys The Law Is Joyful.”

Brethren, similar to the job description given to a staff when he/she starts a new role in an organization, God gives us a **vision (a revelation)** when He recruits us to work for Him.

It is recruitment because in **Matthew 22:14**, bible says ““For many are called, but few are chosen.”

And in **2 Peter 1:10** says “Therefore, brothers, be all the more eager to make your calling and election sure.”

The vision/revelation guides our day-to-day and also becomes the basis for tracking and rewarding our performance. Anyone without this vision, then, shortchanges him/herself because there will be no clear basis for performance tracking and rewarding.

Therefore, after we are all called as Christians, some get elected and God gives them their job description – vision/revelation. Election is available to all but received by those who have sown the seed to get it.

Vision is given to guide us on what we need to be doing here as members of the body of Christ (members of the kingdom).

Vision affirms that we are part of the corporate body of Christ and enables us to contribute to the overall purpose of God on earth.

1st step, therefore is to be born again and Spirit filled.

2nd step is to sow the seed required to get elected.

Matthew 7:13-14, says:

¹³ “Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. ¹⁴ But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.”

This sowing requires diligence, commitment, compelling proof that we qualify to be elected. But why not?, if only some who are called will be elected, there should be stringent criteria for selection.

Getting a Vision (what you need to be doing for God on earth – your purpose) is therefore an evidence of your election.

Romans 8: “²⁸ And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.”

1. This selection process is fundamental and everyone goes through it.

In **Matthew 3:16**, even though Jesus is God, because He had come in form of man, He had to be called and elected:

“16As soon as Jesus was baptized, He went up out of the water. Suddenly the heavens were opened, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and resting on Him. 17And a voice from heaven said, “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased” ----- a call after he received the Spirit

At this point, He has been called. But He has not yet been elected.

In John 2:4, **3**When the wine ran out, Jesus’ mother said to Him, “They have no more

wine.” **4**“Woman, why does this concern us? Jesus replied. “My hour has not yet come.” That means he is still waiting for his election.

Luke 2:41-52 talks about “The Boy Jesus at the Temple”

42 When Jesus was twelve years old, they went up to the festival, according to the custom.

3 After the festival was over, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but the parents were unaware of it.

... **48** When his parents saw Him, they were astonished. His mother said to him, “Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you.”

49 “**Why were you searching for me?**” he asked. “**Didn’t you know I had to be in my Father’s house?**” **50** But they did not understand what he was saying to them.

51 Then He went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. But his mother treasured all these things in her heart. **52** **And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.**

Brethren, as early as 12 years, Jesus had began paying the price required to

be elected for God's work – diligence, commitment, confidence.

The fullness of his election at about the age of 30 years:

Luke 4:14

16 Then Jesus went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath he went as usual to the synagogue. He stood up to read the Scriptures
17 and was handed the book of the prophet Isaiah. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it is written, 18 “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has chosen me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free the oppressed
19 and announce that the time has come when the Lord will save his people.” 20 Jesus rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. All the people in the synagogue had their eyes fixed on him, 21 as he said to them, “**This passage of scripture has come true today, as you heard it being read.**”

2. Vision/Revelation is not transferrable: It does not matter how long you have been a Christian or how long you have served others in the church. You need your own vision.

In Samuel 3: 1 The boy Samuel ministered before the LORD under Eli. In those days the word of the LORD was rare; there were not many visions.

... Samuel was lying down in the house of the LORD, where the ark of God was. ⁴ Then the LORD called Samuel.

Samuel answered, "Here I am." ⁵ And he ran to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me." But Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down." So he went and lay down.

(Three times same thing happened)

Then Eli realized that the LORD was calling the boy. ⁹ So Eli told Samuel, "Go ...and if he calls you, say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. ¹⁰ The LORD came and stood there, calling as at the other times, "Samuel! Samuel!"

Then Samuel said, "**Speak, for your servant is listening.**"

3. Without the Election, you cannot do a sustainable work for God

Moses started without being elected (he loved God and His people) but the work truncated and he abandoned it and became a shepherd in his father-in-laws house

CONCLUSION

If you have not been elected and you start a thing, when the storms come, you will abandon it.

So brethren without vision, even Christians go astray, they get into so many things and get confused along the way.

It is important that we prayerfully ask God for vision/revelation of what we need to be doing for Him on earth. And when that is revealed, we must obey and follow through.

God Bless You.