

The Lost I

Have you ever been geographically lost? Have you ever been mentally lost? Have you ever been spiritually lost? Have you ever been relationally lost?

Being lost can cause fear, anxiety and uncertainty.

To be lost means unable to find the way. To be lost means no longer visible. To be lost means lacking assurance or confidence.

When we are lost the community never experiences the treasure within us.

^{KJV} **Proverbs 29:18** Where *there is no vision*, the **people perish**: but he that keepeth the law, happy *is* he.

- To perish means to become **destroyed** or **ruined**.

^{NKJ} **Proverbs 29:18** Where *there is no revelation*, the people **cast off restraint**; But happy *is* he who keeps the law.

- In our kingdom there is permission, **prohibition** and **restraint**.
- Restraint is having **control** over the expression of one's emotions, thoughts, actions and behaviors.

^{NLT} **Proverbs 29:18** When people do not **accept divine guidance**, they **run wild**. But whoever obeys the law is joyful.

- Wild means not subject to restraint or **regulation**.
- A regulation is a rule or order issued by an executive authority or regulatory agency of a government and having the force of law.

Your divine vision brings control to your imagination and leads to greatness.

Your memory **reviews** your past, your imagination **previews** your future.

There are three effective strategies that satan uses to kill vision.

I

He uses fame and glamour to **distract** us.

^{NLT} **2 Timothy 4:10** Demas has deserted me **because he loves the things of this life and has gone to Thessalonica**. Crescens has gone to Galatia, and Titus has gone to Dalmatia.

Satan offers us the things of this world and they end in destruction.

- Demas had a divine assignment and deserted it.

II

The enemy uses financial possessions to **detour** us.

^{NKJ} **Mark 10:23** Then Jesus looked around and said to His disciples, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!"

Riches and things can cause a desire for comfort and ease.

Consider **Mark 10:21**

The deceitfulness of riches can lead to distractions.

- The rich young ruler walked away from a divine opportunity.

III

The deceiver uses sexual seduction to **delay** us.

Consider **2 Samuel 11:4**

David was delayed in his future accomplishments because of sin.

- David was delayed in his divine assignment.

Your vision for your preferred future will keep you focused.

Your vision for your preferred future will minimize detractions and detours.

Your vision for your preferred future can keep you from being lost.

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