

## **Devotional** **The Power of Vision and Dream**

The happiest people in the world are those who are living out their dreams.

If you want to know real happiness, get a dream that is bigger than you, then lose yourself in it! Go ahead and try it – it'll give you strength and motivation to rise above the problems you are facing. Pursuing your dream is better than just settling for average.

Average doesn't look so good when you realize that it is just the worst of the best and the best of the worst. Talk to most people and you will discover that their number one problem is that they lost their dreams, their goals, sense of destiny and their purpose.

Joel 2:28 says, "*Your young man will see visions, your old men will dream dreams.*" Look at the great men and women – and you will know that they chase their visions/dreams.

1. Moses was 80 years old when he led the nation of Israel out of captivity.
2. Colonel Sanders was 70 years old when he developed Kentucky Fried Chicken – he donated much of his profits to the work of God.
3. John Wesley was 88 years old – he was preaching revival on horseback and complained at age 90 that he could only preach twice a day and had an inclination to sleep until five in the morning!
4. Caleb was 85 years old (he was one of the 12 spies) when he conquered the hill country of the giants.
5. Simeon was an old man who would not die, because the Holy Spirit told him so, till he held baby Jesus in his arms.
6. Paul says, "*I consider my life worth nothing to me, if only I may finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me – the task of testifying to the gospel of God's grace.*" Acts 20:24

Paul had a great dream. He wanted his life to count for eternity. He wanted his life to serve the will of God. He was a great and educated man but all he wanted is to serve Jesus all his life. He did. He became the greatest – the man who wrote most of the New Testament.

God gives each of us gifts and talents. Recognize and celebrate those gifts and talents. We are each unique to ourselves. God designs it that way. This uniqueness is part and parcel of and integral to the visions and dreams He deposited in our hearts. If we don't celebrate those gifting and talents, we will lose them.

Never lose your visions/dreams – chase that dream. Keep your confidence and then lose yourself in the will of God.

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