



Free Discipleship Tools for Prisoners

"Loaves & Fishes will be a keepsake for me for years to come. You are doing a good job selecting the different stories."

Bob Wilks • DSNF • Nashville, TN

Is Your Vision Clear?

May 2012 Loaves & Fishes Report

Most successful businesses have a vision statement. They know their purpose, their mission, and their core values. The vision is clear. Everything is done according to the vision statement. The leadership hires and fires to the vision. The vision is key to success. It guides the company, attracts the right team, and creates the brand.

Does your personal life reflect such clarity? Many professing Christians today make decisions and buy stuff without a clear purpose and mission. However, it is impossible to give your all to the Kingdom of God when you're passively sliding through life. Unless we have a clear vision, the love of the world will move in and affect our decisions.

We have examples in the Scriptures of godly men with a clear vision. Our Lord Jesus Christ, Stephen the martyr, and the Apostle Paul each had a clear vision statement. Notice what Ananias told Paul when he came to baptize him:

¹⁴"The God of our fathers hath chosen thee, that thou shouldest know his will, and see that Just One, and shouldest hear the voice of his mouth. ¹⁵For thou shalt be his witness unto all men of what thou hast seen and heard. ¹⁶And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord" (Acts 22:14-16).

What a vision! Paul's purpose was to be a witness to all men. He accomplished that purpose by knowing God's will, seeing the Just One, and hearing the voice of His mouth. That was his mission. Baptism, calling on the name of the Lord, and being cleansed from sin through the blood of Jesus were some of his core values.

Consider Stephen, the martyr. His vision is written all over his life. The calling of God burned in his heart to the point of death. His purpose was clear,

his mission was complete, and the values he stood for took him to glory.

- *Why do you exist?*
- *What are you doing to fulfill that purpose?*
- *What values do you stand for?*

If you don't know, take some time to meditate on these questions and seek God's vision for your life.

Our desire is to pursue the purpose, mission, and values God has for this ministry. If you can help us publish the next issue of *Loaves & Fishes* magazine, return your gift with the enclosed donation form or send it to the address on the back side.

For the Kingdom,
Lavern Gingerich





“I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.” John 9:4

Our Vision Statement

Purpose

To disciple believers in the prisons of the USA through sound Christian literature.

Mission

To publish *Loaves & Fishes* every three months and inspire hunger for God, disciple believers, and provide fellowship for those in prison.

Core Values

- We are burdened with the need for discipleship among new believers in prison.
- We must do the will of our Father while it is day, before the night comes and no man can work.
- We use the power of written words to influence the minds and destinies of people.
- We use premium quality paper, printing, writing, graphics, and design to convey value and the love of Christ to our readers.
- We believe the *Loaves & Fishes* magazine should be free to prisoners and supported by churches, individuals, and businesses who wish to help.
- We will not go into debt to print free literature.
- We work with God in His ministry. When there are needs, we actively seek partners to work with us, whether by praying for the needs, donating funds, or giving of their time to fill open positions.
- We believe the true Gospel saves men and women from sin as they respond in faith and obedience to Jesus Christ.
- We purpose to teach God's truth even in the face of persecution.

Loaves & Fishes Feedback

“Your book is an inspiration in my life right now. Thank you for all you do for those of us incarcerated.”

Lisa Jones

IWP, Indianapolis, IN

“Thank you so much for your recent donation of *Loaves & Fishes* and calendars. The literature you provide to us is an excellent source for the men up here who are seeking a better life through our Lord Jesus Christ. I'm sure the calendars you sent will be in high demand and that the men will greatly appreciate them.

“I thank the Lord for your prison ministry support. May you be blessed in all the work that you do.”

William Ohl

Facility Chaplaincy Program Director
SCI Mercer, Mercer, PA

“Thank you very much! These are wonderful. I look forward to reading every word!”

Robert Cowan

DCJ, Jacksonville, GA

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