**HEART TO HEART**/A word of hope and encouragement by Mennie Morrison

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**“FOCUS VISION” (PART III)**

Happy Spring time of the year for a lot of us around the world. I Trust that as the season is changing, so is our **Vision**. I trust that you are developing **Focused Vision** in your life. With that being said, we are continuing our teaching that we started in February of this year, entitled “**Focus Vision**”. This year of 2020, I truly believe the Lord is highlighting **Vision**, Clarity, Wisdom and Discernment for His people as never before.

We started part I of our teaching looking at the definition of the words **“Focus”** and **“Vision”** and how vital the Word of God is to us having that **Focus Vision**. Let us recap our definitions; **Focus** means (1) central point of attention (2) to direct one’s attention or efforts (3) to concentrate. **Vision** means (1) a vivid imaginative conception or anticipation (2) to envision or picture mentally (3) to picture mentally.

I believe the Lord is wanting us to know what it is that He has specifically called us to do in the Kingdom, (our **Vision** as it were) and to **Focus** on that to see it come to past, fulfilling the destiny of God for our lives.

In the first two parts of our teaching on **Focus Vision**, we looked at the vital importance of the Word of God in our lives. The Word of God is like the Foundation to our lives (our **Focus** and our **Vision**). Now in part III, we will look at other key factors in being **Focused** in our **Vision**, having **Focus Vision**. **Wisdom, Knowledge and Discernment** is very important to us having Focus Vision this year. I like the Dictionary.com definition of the word **Wisdom** as it sums up all three of these areas in one definition: *the quality or state of being* [*wise*](https://www.dictionary.com/browse/wise)*; knowledge of what is true or right coupled with just judgment as to action; sagacity, discernment, or insight.*

I want us to look at a very powerful scripture in **2 Chronicles 1:10** but before we read that let’s look at an overview of the preceding scriptures: Solomon reigned as King after his Father David and in verse **1 of 2 Chronicles chapter 1** the scriptures says: *And Solomon the son of David was strengthened in his kingdom, and the Lord his God was with him, and magnified him exceedingly.*

As we read on in these verses, we see that God ask Solomon what he wanted Him to grant him. The amazing thing is that Solomon could have asked for anything, and I believe the Lord would have granted it, but Solomon was so humbled and honored to walk in the position of King after his father, He asked God this: **verse 10**; *Give me now wisdom and knowledge, that I may go out and come in before this people: for who can judge this thy people, that is so great?*

I love this chapter in **2 Chronicles** and Solomon’s heart. Because of his humility in heart not only did God grant him the **Wisdom** and **Knowledge** he needed to rule His people, but riches, wealth and honor and he was one of the richest men on the earth (**2 Chronicles 1:12**). When we have **Focus Vision** on what God has called us to do for Him, He will bless us beyond our wildest dreams and it will all be for His Glory Sake and the advancement of the Kingdom.

Of course, we know that the book of **Psalm** and **Proverbs** is jammed backed with **Wisdom**, **Knowledge** and **Discernment** scriptures and we will look at a few of those before closing. Let’s start by looking at **Psalm 111:10 (AMP)** *The [reverent] fear of the Lord is the beginning (the prerequisite, the absolute essential, the alphabet) of* ***wisdom****; A good* ***understanding*** *and a teachable heart are possessed by all those who do the will of the Lord; His praise endures forever.* In our pursuit of **Focus Vision** and as we understand and walk in great reverence of the Lord, that is the beginning of us walking in **Wisdom**.

**Proverbs 2:1-8** are powerful scriptures about **wisdom, knowledge** and **discernment** (understanding) that are all packed in these eight verses. Let’s read these now (from **the Passion translation**) as we desire to have **Focus Vision** this year and beyond:

*My child, will you treasure my* ***wisdom****? Then, and only then, will you acquire it. And only if you accept my advice and hide it within will you succeed. 2 So train your heart to listen when I speak and open your spirit wide to expand your* ***discernment****—then pass it on to your sons and daughters.[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Proverbs+2&version=TPT" \l "fen-TPT-2364a" \o "See footnote a)]* ***3****Yes, cry out for comprehension and intercede for insight.* ***4****For if you keep seeking it like a man would seek for sterling silver, searching in hidden places for cherished treasure,* ***5****then you will discover the fear of the Lord and find the true knowledge of God.* ***6****Wisdom is a gift from a generous God, and every word he speaks is full of revelation and becomes a fountain of* ***understanding*** *within you.[*[*b*](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Proverbs+2&version=TPT#fen-TPT-2368b)*]* ***7–8****For the Lord has a hidden storehouse of wisdom made accessible to his godly lovers. [*[*c*](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Proverbs+2&version=TPT#fen-TPT-2369c)*]He becomes your personal bodyguard as you follow his ways, protecting and guarding you as you choose what is right.*

Let us look at a few more scriptures and we will pick up again next month with our teaching on **Focus Vision**. **Proverbs 3:13 (AMP)** says: *Happy [blessed, considered fortunate, to be admired] is the man who finds [skillful and godly]* ***wisdom****, And the man who gains* ***understanding*** *and insight [learning from God’s word and life’s experiences].* This scripture lets us know that when we operate in God’s **wisdom** and **understanding**, we will be Happy. In our pursuit of **Focusing** on the **Vision** that God has for us, let us be Happy because we have His **wisdom** and powerful **understanding**.

We will close with **Proverbs 19:8** as we are looking at the importance of **wisdom**, **knowledge** and **discernment** or (understanding) in our journey on the subject of **Focus Vision**. From the Passion Translation, it reads: *Do yourself a favor and love* ***wisdom****. Learn all you can,then watch your life flourish and prosper!* When we love **wisdom**, **knowledge** and **discernment**, it will help us to have the **Focus Vision** that the Lord desires us to have in our pursuit of His plan for our lives.

Please join us next month as we continue this powerful teaching on **Focus Vision**. Remember that God has **Blessed you to Be A Blessing!**