

VISUALIZING IN THE SPIRIT SERIES

PRACTICAL ASPECTS OF VISUALIZING

We have seen the biblical basis of visualizing and we need to do some application. We need to be taught not only be taught what to do but also how to do it. We are going to dwell on the application or practical part. It's the application, which will make visualizing real in our lives. We are coming to the most important part of the teaching. The conclusion is always the most important although the preliminary discussions are important too. They lay a foundation but its always leading to a conclusion. How does it affect our life? How can we allow visualizing to change our life? What is the biblical basis for its application?

We want to make it very clear that the principles of visualizing cannot violate God's Word. Visualizing is one of the mechanics of faith. Confession is another mechanic. And meditation is another mechanic. Another mechanic is prayer. These are mechanics of faith that you apply. Before you apply the mechanics of faith, you have to know the will of God. For example if God did not call you to be an evangelist and you start visualizing and applying the mechanics of faith in that area, it will not work for you. This is not a get-rich-quick scheme. Neither is this a get-strong-spiritually-quick scheme. There are no short cuts to the things of God. There is a price to pay. So we do not offer shortcuts. We only teach you the proper methods. If you know the direction to come to church, you will come here in much quicker time than when you don't know the way.

So in the same way if people know the right application of truth, they will get to a place without wasting unnecessary time and unnecessary struggling in the wilderness for 40 years. So we want to emphasize again, you have to be in line with the will of God for your life. If it's not the will of God for your life, all these

applications or mechanics will not work for you. How to know the will of God for your life? It comes by spending time with Him. Humbling ourselves before Him and saying, "Not my will but Yours be done." It costs us surrendered consecration, dedication; sacrifice sometimes to get into the will of God.

So some people do not succeed in a ministry because after they have discovered God's will they have not applied the mechanics. For example a person can be called to be an evangelist but that person did not learn meditation. That person did not learn visualizing. The person did not learn the laws of confession and the laws of faith. So the person suffers discouragement and setbacks. And his evangelistic ministry cannot take off. The person is in the will of God but the person has not learned to apply the mechanics of faith. On the other hand you can apply the mechanics of faith without being in the will of God and it won't work for you. For example if you want to rob a bank, you start visualizing how to rob a bank and you start claiming the bank for your own selfish ambition. The Word of God says, 'Thou shall not steal.' So you are contradicting the Word of God and misapplying the mechanics for the wrong ends, for selfish gains, greed and covetousness. It will not work for you. These mechanics of faith are Bible-based principles and must flow with the will of God.

A lot of pastors are going into the ministry and they do not understand the mechanics. So they are failing. They failed not because they didn't go into the ministry. They failed because they didn't learn the mechanics of faith. On the other hand you have the other extreme - of those who are overambitious and self-centered. So they apply the mechanics of faith to certain areas of the life and as a result they don't discover God's will. They move into areas that are outside God's will and endanger their own life because God is going to judge.

So let me qualify all these things. The area of visualizing is actually one of the mechanisms of faith. It is important for us to learn the mechanism after you have discovered God's will. Without the mechanism you will get nowhere. Life is not such that success just happens. All you have to do is do nothing and you will fail. In the natural to succeed you have to work. So in the spiritual you have to work at something. You have to work at some spiritual area so that you could succeed spiritually just as you succeed in the natural.

We have talked about visualizing. We have laid a proper foundation. We are going to teach how to visualize and the practical application of this truth. We have seen that visualizing is important. It has to do with our imagination and how God's Word gets into our heart and our imagination. To visualize is to see - to form an image within us. We have to understand that the Holy Spirit is a spirit being. And He wants to communicate to us who are down here in the flesh. God is a spirit. John 4 says, "God is a spirit." And as God is a spirit, He wants to communicate to our spirit man. There has to be a medium of communication and one of those mediums is the written Word of God. Another medium is the spoken Word of God. And there is an image that God transmits to us – an open vision or a close vision that God shows you.

See words form pictures. If I say a black dog, you will see inside your mind a black dog. My word causes a picture to come in your mind. If I say a black dog with a long tail, then in your mind, that picture changes. I added a few words, long tail and your image changes. Suddenly in your image you see the dog growing the tail. If I say a dog, some of you could be thinking of an Alsatian dog. Some of you could be thinking of Poodle and all kind of dogs. But if I say a Cocker Spaniel dog with long ears and long tail, furry all over, black in color, it becomes more specific. My words have formed pictures in you.

In the same way when God speaks a word, His Word is a part of a picture. When prophecy comes to you, it comes in parts. 1 Cor.13:9 says, "For we know in part, and we prophesy in part." God has a plan for your life. Right now everything that you will ever do in this earth, from the time you were born till the time you die has been written up there. God has a completed plan for you up there and He reveals it to you through prophecies, through the inner voice of the Spirit, through your reading of the Word. You began to discover that plan for your life. Blessed are you when you discover the will of God in your life. You will no more be aimless. So God is communicating to us all the time His plans through His words, through many forms – His spoken Word, His written Word, prophecy, the gifts of the Spirit, visions, devotional life, inward voice, through fellowship with other Christians. They also began to see the ministry in our life and they began to tell us what they

see and so there is an exchange and so we began to discover God's plan in our life.

And this plan must be clear-cut in our vision. We must see it clear-cut for it to be applied and communicated outwards. Unless you change your vision you will not change your life. Unless you change what is inside you, you cannot change the outside. Your vision must be clear-cut. It's vitally important. If you have an image of failure, you will keep producing failure after your kind. If you have an image of success, you will keep producing success after your kind. If you have an image of poverty, you will keep producing poverty. If you have an image of power, you will keep producing power. What we see is what we get and what we say is also what we get. So what we see and what we say is important to our life.

If you change the spiritual world you will change the natural world. It's important to change the spiritual world. For Heb.11: 1 said, "Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." And we have seen how, unless we have changed the spirit world, we cannot change the natural world. Heb.11, the faith chapter, in verse 3, "By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the Word of God. So that the things, which are seen, were not made of things, which are visible." The things, which are invisible, made the visible world. So the things that you can see, touch, taste, feel and hear around you with your five senses are made of things, which are not seen.

2 Cor.4: 18, "While we do not look at the things which are seen but at the things which are not seen." Definitely Paul was visualizing. He says he is looking at things, which are not seen. What is Paul doing? Visualizing! Paul's ministry is a ministry of visualizing. He saw before he achieve. He says we look at things, which are not seen. And the reason is he says for the things, which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal. The things that are around us physically changes. Every physical thing is subject to decay and change, wear and tear. But the spiritual things are permanent. So Paul was a visualizer.

Jesus was a visualizer, Heb.12: 2, "Looking onto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him, endured the cross, despising the

shame and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.” He says who for the joy that was set before Him, endured the cross. Do you know when Jesus went to the cross He saw the joy ahead? He saw what was to come. He saw the things that were not happening yet. He saw into the invisible realm. Jesus is a visualizer. Jesus saw the joy that was set before Him. What was that? Those were the visions. Those were the revelation that the Father God gave Him. The Father God showed Him what would happen if He goes to the cross. So Jesus saw all those things that were set before Him. And by seeing that vision He could go through the cross with no problem. Jesus is also a visualizer.

Our Father God is a visualizer. The Bible tells us in Rom.4 how that God calls those things which be not, that means they do not exist yet, as though they were. That means God call those invisible as if they are. He saw them in the spiritual world and He is calling them into existence in the physical world. That is how faith operates. Faith sees the thing already done and created in the spiritual world, and faith holds that vision until it materializes in the physical world. We have to learn how the spiritual world operates. This physical world operates by what is seen physically. But it is the opposite way of functioning in the spirit world. You operate on what is not seen in the physical world, but what is seen in the spiritual world. What is seen in the spiritual world is invisible to the physical world and from this invisible we will change the things that are around you. This is having the right vision To do that the Holy Spirit has to communicate to us. He has to speak to us. For this communication to take place it is important to understand the language of the Holy Spirit. So here is where we began to learn how to apply it.

Illustration: Tom, could you come up. Supposing that he is in the natural realm and I am in the spirit realm and I have to communicate to him. Do you know that spirit have to talk to the flesh somehow? Now if he and I understand the same language, there is no problem. If I communicate to him in English and I say, “Tom go to your seat and bring me your Bible.” He does it. Why? There is a communication! His eyes could see, his ears could hear and his hands could hold. So he could get the Bible for me. Now supposing he is deaf and I have to tell him to get his Bible. Now he cannot hear me. So I try to talk to him, ‘Tom could you go and bring your Bible and give it to me.’ No response! Why? Because I am speaking in a realm that he cannot operate in. He is deaf! So at that realm he cannot hear me at all. I have to somehow reach into the realm that he could understand my communication.

Now you begin to understand why the Holy Spirit is grieved when He tries to communicate to us. The Spirit of God tries to communicate to us and we are deaf to that spiritual realm. We are insensitive to Him in some ways. Think about the difficulty that the Holy Spirit, the blessed third Person of the Godhead, finds in communicating to us the things of God. So if you are deaf spiritually and cannot hear God in certain areas, then it makes it more difficult for the Holy Spirit to communicate to you.

Now Tom cannot hear me at all since he is deaf. So speaking does not work here. So I have to communicate with him in a sign language. So we see the Holy Spirit has to communicate with us in the physical realm in some way. The Holy Spirit has a special language and we have to understand His language. So if you do not tune your spiritual ears, you do not open your spiritual eyes and you do not tune your spiritual senses, it makes it more difficult for the Holy Spirit to communicate to you. The less spiritual senses you have the less sensitivity you have to the Holy Spirit and the more difficult it is for the Holy Spirit and God to get through to you. The problem is not with God. It is with us.

In the spirit world just as in the natural world we have senses. If we all were to leave our bodies right now and go to heaven with our spirit and soul, we will have spiritual senses. In heaven you will hear, in heaven you will see. In heaven you will feel. In heaven you can taste. In heaven you can smell. The five senses you have in the physical realm actually are a type of the spiritual senses. You see the physical was made based on the pattern of the spiritual. There are five spiritual senses and therefore there is five physical senses. Rom.1 tells us that the things, which God made in the physical, were made in the pattern of what is in the invisible. For we understand what is in the invisible make the visible. Rom.1: 20, "For since the creation of the world, His invisible attribute are clearly seen being understood by the things that are made." So creation was made to communicate spiritual things to us.

Let's say God loves us. So He makes physical things to communicate and reveal His

attributes of care and love to us. All that is in the physical is made in the pattern of the spiritual. You have many spiritual senses. How do we know it? Heb.5 says that those who are matured have their senses trained to discern good and evil. Those are referring to your spiritual senses. And I have discovered that we have many spiritual senses.

We have a sense of spiritual ears. Let him who has an ear hear what the Spirit of God has to say. So we have spiritual ears.

We have spiritual eyes. That is the area of visualizing we are talking about. Eph.1: 17-18, Paul prays that their eyes may be enlightened.

We have senses of feeling inside us. We can sense the inward witness. We can sense troubles. We can sense peace. We have a sense of spiritual feeling.

We have a sense of spiritual taste. David says Your Word is sweeter than honey in the rock. See you develop a taste for the Word.

We have a spiritual sense of smell. The Bible tells us that God smells the aroma of the offering that Noah gave onto Him. After he came out from the ark and God was so pleased that He says He has set a covenant – the rainbow. Philippians 4 says our offering to God is a sweet smelling savor. Just now we worshipped God in giving our love-offerings. None of us physically smell anything but spiritually when the sacrifice is done from your heart, there is a sweet aroma that goes onto God. These are spiritual senses.

So the fewer spiritual senses you are trained in, the more difficult for the Holy Spirit to communicate to you. We have to train our spiritual senses. And the Holy Spirit has a language and unless you understand His language, you cannot understand Him. He can communicate in English and any language in the world but all

language comes down to one factor: reality. And pictures communicate reality.

Going back to Tom - I am going to speak in my mother tongue to him and ask him to do something. If he doesn't understand my mother tongue he will not know what I am saying. [Spoken in Chinese, "Give me an egg."] Now he doesn't understand because he speaks a different language. Now I am going to ask Benjamin to come up. I am going to speak in my language and he will translate that in English. [Spoken in Chinese, "Give me an egg."] Benjamin translates to English, "Give me an egg." Now Tom understands me. Now that was what I was saying to Tom. No matter how different our languages are, pictures are universal. See all languages produce pictures.

If I were describing a dog in my language it will produce a same picture in someone who understand the language. If I were to say a black dog, to the hearer who understands the language, they will have a picture of a black dog. If I were to say anjing hitam [Malay word for black dog], those who understand Malay will have a picture of a black dog. See all language produces picture. The picture is the reality of the word and all the word communicates the same picture.

The language of the Holy Spirit is in pictures. Words are a part of a picture but the final part, source and the end is a picture. If I have a picture of a dog in me and I want to put it into you, I use my words. For example, I am thinking of something different now, I have it inside of me but it's not inside of you yet. I could bring it to you by words. It's a cat, yellow in color, black stripes behind it, quite naughty in behavior and always is there in your Sunday Star newspaper. You got the word Garfield. So I have managed to get the picture into you. What did I use? I have no picture here to show you but I have used words to produce a picture in you.

In the same way, the Holy Spirit uses prophesying in part, the written Word, visions, dreams, teachings and many other ways to communicate the picture to us. His purpose is to get the right vision and the right picture into our hearts that He has for us. As we understand the purpose of languages and words and visualizing, here is where the practical application can apply. Words communicate pictures. You

can practically build a vision inside of you by using words. If I use a word to build a picture in you, you could also use words to build a picture inside of you. Words are picture builders and so visualizing will always relate to the tongue.

When we talk about the tongue there are actually two different aspects of the work of words. Let me illustrate it. See in everything in life there is a balancing. We are talking about giving and receiving - we give and we receive; we receive and we give is a continual process. So in the same way, words have two parts of work, two aspects of work, which people don't realize. They think confession is just confession, there are two different aspects.

The first aspect of words is the words building the vision into you.

The second part is that the vision has been formed and you are speaking forth that vision.

See there is a time where you are building the vision into you and there is a time when you are speaking out what the vision is. Both are using your own mouth and your own confession in speaking. The first part I call it building the vision. It is like drawing the vision onto the canvas of your heart using your words.

The other part I call it decreeing. To decree is to command. When God says, "Let there be light," He has already got a picture and He just commanded it. See in Mark 11: 23 when Jesus said, "Truly I say to you that whoever says to this mountain, Be taken up and cast into the sea, and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says happens, he will have it," He was talking about the power of decreeing. Now the power of decree is dependent upon the picture in your spirit. Does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says happens, means that you must first believe in your heart and then speak with your mouth. That means you already have the picture in you and then you could decree it. The power of decreeing or the command to speak the picture into being can only work when that picture is first in your heart and spirit.

The other is where the picture is not inside you yet and you are speaking words to build the picture into you. That is called meditation. You are speaking the words to form pictures into yourself and what some people make mistakes about the confession of the Word is this. They don't see the difference between meditation and decreeing. Some people who do not have the words and the meditation to form an image properly in their spirit man start decreeing prematurely, "Mountain move!" But it doesn't move and they turn around and say that it did not work. Why didn't it work? "I confessed three times for it to go and it didn't go." Of course it did not go. You did not have it in your heart yet. You are in no position to decree. The only time you can decree is you must have it solid inside you. You must know that you know, to use that phrase. You know it without a shadow of doubt and the way you talk shows that you know that you know that you know, ad infinitum. The vision inside you is solid and you can decree it forth whereas in the other person the vision is still uncertain and is still forming inside.

Let me show you how it happens here in the life of David. 1 Sam.17, see this is how to write the vision into your life, David was sent by his father to the war zone. There was a war going on between the Philistines and the Israelites. David was sent by his father not to fight Goliath but to bring food for his brothers who were part of the army of Saul. While David was there in 1 Sam 17: 23, Then as he talked with them, there was the champion, the Philistine of Gath, Goliath by name, coming up from the armies of the Philistines and he spoke according to the same words. So David heard them.

David happened to be there but did not know that he was going to fight Goliath that day. He had no idea at all. He was just there to bring food to his brothers. Of course God planned all this. David heard the rotten words of Goliath. When David heard that, he asked a question in verse 26, Then David spoke (now he is using words here) to the men who stood by him, saying, "What shall be done for the man who kills this Philistine and takes away the reproach from Israel? For who is the uncircumcised Philistine that he should defy the armies of the living God?"

He said, "What shall be done?" He asked the question. He kept speaking those words because he does not like the Philistine who is a worshipper of false gods to defy the true worshippers of God. He used words. He is speaking words and then in verse 27, And the people answered him in this manner saying, "So shall it be done for the man who kills him." And then his eldest brother misunderstood David who went around asking, "What shall be done to his man?" The elder brother heard him and got angry with him and rebuked him because the elder brother was having pride.

In verse 30 Then he turned from him toward another and said the same thing; and these people answered him as the first ones did. Notice he said the same thing and the people answered him as the first ones and when the words of David were heard, they reported them to king Saul and king Saul sent for him. And then in verse 32 Then David said to Saul, "Let no man's heart fail because of him; your servant will go and fight this Philistine."

Now between verses 26 to 32, something has happened. You see in verse 26, David never intended to fight Goliath. Between verses 26 to 32, just a few verses, it looks as if he had taken a few minutes. No, it took quite some time. The army was huge. David must have gone around and talked to many, using the same words and kept saying the same words. It was the time of meditation and confession. Between verses 26 to 32 David had made the decision that he will be the man. Did you see that in verse 26 he never intended to fight Goliath? But as he kept asking, "What shall be done to this man who kills this Philistine? They say he shall have the king's daughter. See he keeps talking in the same tone. Something happened, there was a change that was taking place in David's heart until what he asked he believe he could do. See he was just saying to the Israelites hoping to encourage them but nobody took it up. In the end the picture got into him. He can do it. "I will go!" Something happened between verses 26-32 and by the time David faced Goliath he was sure. He starts decreeing.

In verse 43-44 Goliath sneered at him and said, "Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?" And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. And the Philistine said, "Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and the beast of the field!"

And David stood. Remember the image was already in him. He starts decreeing and said in verses 45-46, "You come to me with a sword, with a spear and with a javelin. But I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. This day the Lord will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you and take your head from you. And this day I will give the carcasses of the camp of the Philistines to the birds of the air and to the wild beasts of the earth, that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel."

He is now decreeing with his mouth. He is now speaking forth what he believes. He is not speaking in order to believe. He is speaking because he believes and I tell you before you go out and face Goliath, you better do your homework first.

David said in verse 37, "The Lord, who delivered me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, He will deliver me from the hands of this Philistine." He knew that success was his. Between verses 26 to 32 he has reached a point where he says, "Alright I will be the one." And he has an image locked into him. There is a time when meditation is to get it into your heart, to get a picture and an image into your imagination. That is meditation.

On the other side is decree, you just speak and it comes to pass. They are two different workings of speaking words.

The first area is where we see how to write the vision in your heart. See meditation is to get the vision into you. You could see it clear and strong. God has certain laws on that. David says in Psalm 1:2, 'But his delight is in the law of the Lord and in his law he meditates day and night.' So he meditates on the law of God day and night. God told Joshua the same key in Joshua 1:8. These are all practical application. Joshua 1:8, This book of the law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous and then you will have good success.

You want to have good success and be prosperous follow that law. There is no short cut but a daily life event. Meditate on the Word. Speak the Word to yourself. Visualize the Word in you. As you speak, the Word began to write the vision in your heart. The process of meditation on the Word write a vision in your heart. What words are you going to speak? All the words that are in the Word of God. What He says you are – you are. What He says you can do – you can do. Hold your Bible up for a moment and say, “This Bible is the Word of God. I can do what He says I can do. I am what He says I am.” See these written words tell you who you are. It tells you what you can do. If He tells you have power over demons, that settles it. Meditate on it. If it tells you, you can lay hand on the sick and they shall recover, that’s it. See you must get that vision from the written Word. That is a solid foundation and you can take it everyday and you meditate and speak and say:

The Word of God says that I can lay hands on the sick and they shall recover.

The Word of God says that I have authority to cast out demons.

The Word of God says that I am the righteousness of Jesus Christ and I have been born of God and I do not sin.

See you confess what the Word says you are:

The Word says I am cleansed.

The Word says I am washed.

The Word says I am strong.

The Word says Christ is my wisdom.

You say what the Word says you are. Remember you confess what the Word says about you. Not what people say about you and not what you say about yourself but what God says about you. Some people have a wrong picture of themselves. They either made themselves too big or they made themselves too small. They don't want to see as God sees but we have to see ourselves as God sees us. You begin to have the image of God inside you as you confess that and says what you say you are. Remember you have to say what you are before you become. That is why you have to have all the foundation of visualizing and then you understand this application. We did not say that you have cast out demons. We did not say that you are already prosperous. But you have to start saying that you are and write the vision inside of you that you are. You have to see that you are before the reality comes. That is meditation. Writing the vision inside of you. Writing clear vision. It comes from the written Word.

The second way it comes is through the spoken Word. The spoken Word can come through the lips of a human being who is yielded to God, maybe a prophet or a brother or sister in Christ. In prophecy or in counselling it could come through the discerning of the voice of the Spirit to you and your human spirit is picking up the instructions of the Holy Spirit in your life. So when you have a good prophecy that is spoken to your life, keep it. Write it down. Don't let it go. If God says to you something to do, write it down and keep it. Never forget those things that the Holy Spirit tells you to do. I would write them down. Some of the things do not come to pass until many years later.

So it's important to hear the Word when God says and speaks. He spoke to me several times about some particular work and I have it very strong in my spirit man. It was clear-cut. He repeats to you very gently and through the weeks it becomes clear. So I know that this is what the Holy Spirit is instructing me to do. Therefore, you have to see it clearly what to do and where to go. All these are the

spoken Word, the rhema, and the detail. You have the logos and the rhema that speaks to you.

Now there are sometimes good prophecies that people have spoken to me about my life. I remembered them I have written them. I have noted them down. Sometimes people prophesy certain things over my life but there is not a very strong confirmation but nevertheless it is very positive. I just write it down and keep it. I meditate on those things. So all those things began to form the vision inside of me.

About a month back I said that I have 14 points listed that I believed God has shown me about what to do in this life. I have added 2 more and that makes 16 now. When I have completed all 16 I am ready to go home. So there are the points that are clearer, you have the written Word and you have the spoken Word. You write the vision down and you meditate on the vision.

Now the time of meditation is important. Some of you who hear all these teachings may wonder how to start and when to start. I understand that because I had the same dilemma as a Christian. I always say that these bible teachers teach me what is meditation but they never tell me how to meditate.

The best times of meditation are day and night. Let me qualify that. They are the times spoken of in the Bible and they are the reasons for the time. I give you the reasons for the time later. I give the times now.

Usually the best times for your meditation are when you just wake up before any thoughts come to you. The first thought you have, take what God says that you are. Take what God says that you are to be and to do. Take what you have realized is the spoken Word. Confirm that in your heart. Take the written Word and the spoken Word that tells you what you have to do and meditate on it. You see you set your whole direction. You are setting your life direction. God doesn't give you these messages and prophecies to hang on the wall and put on the bookshelf. It's for you to get it written in your heart because when you have them ingrained into

you and programmed into you, that's what you will become.

Many people are not visualizing what God has spoken to them. I have it. I hold the 16 points in my pocket all the time. Moreover, the last thing I do at night, I take it out, meditate, and visualize. Now you will not be able to get all the 16 points just like that. It took me 13 years to get all that out. You may get one or two points. That's good enough. Start meditating on them. Nevertheless, you know to a certain extent what God wants you to do. If you don't have any rhema and spoken Word yet, go on the written Word first. I went on the written Word for the first 3 years. I did not know what God has called me to be. What I know is I want to be what the Word says I am and I have a whole file, which I go through once a week of what God says I am. I go through the meditation to get the written vision inside of me. I confess it because what I say will put a picture in my mind. What I say and meditate releases the power of the spoken words to get the vision written into me.

I have always wondered why God always say to meditate day and night. Finally Holy Spirit taught me that since the vision is what you are to become, so every day, what you do in your life must flow with that vision. Therefore, when you start the day you have to check with the vision. When you end the day, you have to end by double-checking how you fulfill the vision. If the vision isn't fulfilled that much, just keep on meditating. Ps.4: 4, Meditate within your heart on your bed and be still. Let your last thoughts be thoughts of meditation on the vision before you sleep. Now you do worship also. I do worship but I always refer back to what God tells me I am, what God tells me to do. I want to be faithful to do what God tells me to do on this life. I want to be like Jesus where in John 17 Jesus told the Father and says, 'Father, I have finished what you told Me to do.' Isn't that wonderful? That is the best worship you could give God. I want to make sure I obey what God tells me to do in this life. All of us got different assignments by our Father. You have to discover God's will and meditate on it even on your bed, too.

People don't realize it but many times before they sleep, they watch TV. They see some midnight movie and then they dream. They meditate on the midnight movie, and then when they wake up throughout the day they behave like the midnight movie. No wonder their life is a mess. The constant bombardment of celluloid morality or immorality has sunken deep into them. They end up in all kinds of

messy situations.

Your last thoughts before you sleep and the last picture you see must be there which God spoke to you before you sleep. When you wake up these same thoughts and pictures should be the first things on your mind before any thoughts come to your mind. If you live that kind of life, sometime you wake up with a good song for the Lord. Every time I wake up the first thing I think about is Jesus.

Now I understand when God says morning and night.

Deut. 6, He is talking on the aspect of meditation on His Word. He says in verse 6-7, These words which I command you today shall be in your heart. Remember what is in your heart is the vision. God wants to write the vision in their hearts. How? Here is how. God says you will teach them diligently to your children. That means everything you teach your children must be in line with the Word. You shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down and when you rise up. Again, you see that rising up and lying down. People don't realize it but that time of your life that your vision can lock into you very quickly is just when you wake up and just when you sleep. This is from the Word of God and it says you shall bind them as the sign on your head and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You write them all over the house. I know some of you have written the confession on your mirrors. Everyday you look at it. The first thing you see on the mirror each morning is your confession as you wash your face, brush your teeth, comb your hair or shave and say, "Thank You, Lord, I can do all things through Christ who strengthened me."

What I have given you is a practical application of the best times. Now that doesn't rule out the other times. However, you must understand why it is the best time. What causes us to absorb more during those times? If you understand the causes, then you could learn to meditate anytime. This law is found in Luke 8 when I talk about meditating and writing the vision into you. I am not thinking about just silently reading while you just look at the paper and read. Read it aloud to yourself because word will produce images. I just read it aloud. The picture may not be

clear. Nevertheless, as I keep reading it out daily, the picture becomes clearer and clearer, and I do it the same way in the evenings too.

Luke 8: 11-12, Now the parable is this: The seed is the Word of God. (And you are going to meditate on it. The Word contains power.) Those by the wayside are the ones who hear them; then the devil comes and takes away the Word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved. The devil stole the image. The devil stole the picture. The devil can steal the image. You can hear in the church what God says you are. You are prosperous, you are healed and all these. You go out and read something else. You go out and hear something else. The image is destroyed and it's stolen. Let me tell you, if Satan cannot steal the words and the image from you, he cannot defeat you. He has to defeat your vision first before he can defeat you. How does he steal the word? The devil does not come literally and pull it out. No, he sends his darts and his thoughts that are contrary to the vision. He destroyed Adam and Eve that way. He sends contrary words. God's Word says something and the world tells you something else. It contradicts the Word of God to produce a different image so that if Satan could destroy God's image in you he will destroy you. So Jesus says, these are those who Satan has stolen from their hearts. See the heart is where the vision is.

Verse 13, But the ones on the rock are those who when they hear, receive the word with joy. That means they receive some form of image. To have joy, it must have hit you. And these have no root, who believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. In time of difficulty they do not allow the vision to sink into them. Verse 14-15 Now the ones that fell amongst thorns are those who, when they have heard, go out and are choked with the cares, riches, and pleasures of life and bring no fruit to maturity. But the ones that fell on the good ground are those who, having heard the word with a noble and good heart, keep it and bear fruit with patience.

Now tell me from the parable where does the Word gets to the heart? Now the heart as we have defined is where your imagination is. See the battleground is in your imagination. There are four types of grounds. There is those ground by the pavement. Birds of the air came and eat it. Then there is another ground; takes root for a while then dies off. Another ground, thorns are around you. It cannot grow - choked. The last ground, the good heart. The Word grows and in other gospel, it

says it produces thirty, sixty and a hundred fold.

Now in all the 4 grounds is a marvelous thing. It was the same Word. When the first ground failed to produce any fruit, was there a potential of a hundredfold? Yes because the same seed was sown in all. It was the seed of the Word. Now the same seed that was sown on the last ground could produce a hundredfold. If the same seed has been given the same amount of yieldedness in the first ground, it would have yielded a hundred fold too. The Word was the same in both grounds. It's a powerful Word. He did not sow different types of seed or different varieties. It was the same seed. The seed was the Word. The first ground has the potential but it could not come out. The second ground has the potential, it could not come out. The third ground has the potential, it could not come out. The problem is not with the Word. The problem is not in your vision. The problem is the vision did not get into you. See many people have visions. They want to do this and that but the vision did not consume them. The vision was not seen clearly. It was not strong enough to produce. All the four types of hearts have the same Word. Three did not produce because the devil came and gave other types of doubt, causing them not to believe the Word. He says lest they believe. Therefore, they have many doubts.

God shows you something about yourself. You say, "I cannot do it, I cannot do it." Your doubts cause God's hands to be tied and hinders what you can believe Him for. Jesus' hands were tied when He went into His hometown. Here was a man who had the Spirit without measure, went to His hometown and they did not believe so He could not do anything but to only heal a few minor ailments. The power to do a miracle was there but they did not make use of that. When you don't believe something, you are not going to pay much attention to it. You are not going to meditate on it. When you believe what is spoken about you in the Word and what is spoken to you, confirm that in your spirit. When you hear it privately, confirm it in your spirit. Prophecy come to your life you believe it. Hold fast to it day and night. Second type of ground – they had it for a while and let it go. They have it for a while, they rejoice. However, when contradictory winds and persecution came, they quickly let go of their vision . What is persecution? The vision says something and they see something else. They start going by what they see instead of by what God said. They start believing what they see. Like Peter walking on water, he started to sink.

Nevertheless, the third ground is the most interesting in terms of what we are teaching. It says thorns came and choked. Now the ground is the heart. What kind of thorns can be in the heart? Let me tell you. It says here very clearly, the cares, the anxiety and the pleasures of this life. In another words, you are spending your time thinking about the world. What are cares? Cares are the things of this life: what to cook, what to eat, what to wear, what to buy, what to invest, shares, businesses, entertainment, movies, children, relationships, worldly pleasures, etc. Your mind is so occupied with worldly things that you have no time to meditate on the Word. Therefore, the Word cannot come out.

Here is where we draw the principle. God knows that the best times to meditate are when you rise up and when you lie down. That is the time when you quieten down from the hustle and bustle, cares and worries, pleasures and leisures of this life. Many people begin to think what is life when they are just about to sleep. What am I doing here? What is my purpose in life? Where am I going? God knows these are the times when you are in a more relaxed and freer mode. Many people have much worries at night before they sleep and also when they rise up. But comparatively speaking there is a sort of rest just before you sleep and just before you wake up and at that quietness God says, "Get My vision into your heart. Meditate and get it written inside."

Moreover, if you understand this principle then you realize that is the reason why God says to meditate on the Word day and night. People find it hard to meditate and the Word could not come out because their thoughts are not focused on the vision. They are rather more focused on the cares of life or trying to enjoy more pleasures of life. Therefore, they could not meditate on the Word. Most people are just caught up with the cycle of this life. Thousands of things to do everyday. We understand that this life has its cares but you are not going to let all this things bother you. You are going to keep a true heart on what God wants. You could have a quietness of life. This is what I am talking about. You refuse to think of all those things and you think about God. It would be as effective as when you wake up and when you sleep.

You could pull your list out in the afternoon and start speaking the Word. You notice that if you have been looking at figures and numbers the whole morning in your office, when you sit down at lunchtime, the figures are still swirling around your mind. It's not easy but you can do it everyday, for example three times a day. David says in the Psalm, 'I praise God seven times a day.' Daniel in the midst of his busyness as a politician and as a Prime Minister in the book of Daniel, he took time to pray to God three times a day and its people like that, that change the world. They took time to renew their vision and take time to visualize. So be practical start doing that. You may have to write down what you want to confess. Read it every morning and every evening. Read it during the daytime. It takes me only about 1 minute to read all the 16 points that I confess. I am doing this just to let it soak down into me and to let the vision be written down and become clearer and clearer in my heart.

There are times when I specially spend with God to build up the vision. I write down what God says and asks me to speak. Speak it out every morning. It could only be seven sentences for some of you. However, that's a start. Start it in the morning. For example, you could start it in the morning and say, "Thank You Father God, I am Your child and I can do all that You say I am." Let me illustrate with just one little point from Mark. My first point is "Father I thank You that I receive revelation and guidance as to your perfect will in my life here on planet earth." That's a nice confession. Everyone wants to do the perfect will of God. I don't care about anything; I only care about doing His will. It takes me only a few seconds to read it. Point no.10 this I can read to you. "Father thank You for Your grace in my life to function in all the spiritual offices, gifts and ministries that You have called and ordained me to function in." The vision is to align your whole life. Some of you could be called to be evangelist. You could make a confession like this, "Father God, I know I am called to be an evangelist, grant me the anointing, double portion of the anointing to be an evangelist." That's a nice confession.

See your confession will produce a vision in you. Visualizing is not something you have to struggle at. Your confession will gradually build the vision in you until it becomes what I call a sub-conscious part of you. When it becomes that, that is when the decreeing comes, you began to say it, and the mountains begin to move.

