

6. Address the issues of your day

John 15:8

This is to My Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, proving yourselves to be My disciples.

This shows that your fruitfulness brings Him glory.

Dream Big

Your dream must solve a problem. What problem have you identified to solve?

Jesus came to undo what the devil had done. We are called to do the same. What are you destroying and what are you building?

If you have a dream for your city then identify the current reality of the city.

Ps 55:9 -11

Confuse, O Lord, divide their tongues, For I have seen violence and strife in the city.10 Day and night they go around her upon her walls, And iniquity and mischief are in her midst.11 Destruction is in her midst; Oppression and deceit do not depart from her [b]streets.

If you are called to women you must know what their current reality is. Eg gender based violence, financial exclusion, discrimination etc Its not just about solving the problem but also helping them in how they react to the discrimination. It's the same with Xenophobia. How are you managing your own rage? Help them understand their emotional triggers. If your passion is dealing with poverty have you studied how people in poverty deal with it currently? For some it's stealing, or affirmative shopping. For others the solution is substance abuse.

If you are called to rescue a nation do you know from what you are rescuing it?

The nation is morally and spiritually bankrupt. The nation has no true concept of family etc.

7. Dream into the future

Align your dream with where the world is going. We are the true futurists. Education is teaching people things that are relevant for the 80s but we need more entrepreneurs. The Chinese are dreaming for their future. Why don't you start an online school teaching kids programming using gaming technology?

Why don't you put your text documents onto MP4 format for mobile devices? A whole movie was made using iPhones and then edited afterwards and shown at the cinemas. It was done by award winning director Park Chan-wook. He did a short film which was a horror movie. Let's have Christians do amazing things.

I met futurist, Graeme Codrington recently and he has highlighted a few things about where the world is going:

1. Automation

By 2025 or 2035 half the jobs that your company has today will no longer exist.

Algorithms – decision-making, integrating hardware and software systems. Intelligent robotics. People won't be going to GPs. We will be doing a lot of self-diagnosing.

2. Part-time working

By 2025 25% of the people working in your office will be free lancers. So half won't be there and another 25% will be freelancing. On demand economy like Hollywood. They just need to be listed on the credits and paid for the project. There will be the outsourcing of any job.

3. Supercomputer in your pocket

By 2025 you will look at what you have now as very backward. Not just for the rich. Chinese cell phone manufacturers are coming out with smart phones for R500. Elon Musk together with Google and Android are working on free wifi for the world and free cloud storage. So everybody gets to play. WhatsApp calling, Skype, GoTo Meeting, Webinars etc are being more common place.

4. Education

MOOCs; Massive Open Online Courses that are for free from the world's top universities. People struggle with nomophobia (fear of being without a mobile device).

8. Make your vision clear and vivid

Habakkuk 2:2

Then the LORD replied: "Write down the revelation and make it plain on tablets so that a herald may run with it.

It's one thing to say "I want to have a happy family." It's another thing to dream according to this family mission statement say this about your family: Emotion-filled visualisation.

Family Mission Statement

We are compassionate and kind.

We are committed to family.

We love, create, and protect family time, both one on one and everyone together.

We will be caring in our relationships with our family and friends.

We want to be role models for our children.

We will encourage creative expression in each other.

We will lovingly support each other as we strive to reach our individual potentials.

We will grow old and wise together.

We will show consistent appropriate loving affection.

We will seek out opportunities that develop and grow us.

We will build each other's self-esteem through attitudes values and behaviour that reinforces security, significance, self-respect, self-acceptance, self-confidence and self-worth.

Our home will be filled with love and laughter.

We will use humour to build up not to tear down.

Our home will be a safe space to inspire and renew us, enabling us to contribute our best to the world.

Our home will be a haven for our family and friends to gather and share life's ups and downs.

Our home will be a nurturing place for children and animals.

Our home will be a safe and comfortable place for respectful self-expression.

We enjoy helping others in our daily lives.

We strive to work with passion and discipline.

We nurture, support, and celebrate each other's ambitions, dreams and missions.

We are always honest and do the right thing even when no one is looking.

We will live our lives in a manner that is free from harm to other living beings.

We want to bring the peace within our home to our world community.

Visualise this regularly. Use strong adjectives to describe what you are seeing. Talk about it often. Get into the emotional state that you want to be dominant in this space.

Dreaming with God for your business

As you generate business ideas, believe God for a God-sized business by asking the following questions:

- What problems need a solution?
- What frustrates people in this city?
- What is abundant in some parts of the country but not in others?
- What products can I combine for ease of use?
- What is rare in this country but many people need it?
- What can I package better?
- What can I remove packaging from to make cheaper?
- Where can I cut out the middle man?
- Who is innovating but can't sell?
- Who is selling but can't innovate?
- Who has money but no ideas?
- Who has skills but no money or ideas?
- What message do people need to hear?
- What products have not yet been marketed effectively?
- What are we importing that we can make locally and sell cheaper?

Translate your dreams into goals with action plans. Dreaming with God is not wishful thinking. God's dreams have deadlines. This means they are translated into goals with action plans. You see this throughout scripture.