

Re-dreaming

Introduction

To dream is to contemplate a possibility. Your imagination is the engine room of your dream.

Dream = Imagine = Hebrew = yazemu: " to consider, purpose, devise, To plan, devise, plot, purpose, think"

Gen 11:6

The Lord said, "If as one people speaking the same language they have begun to do this, then nothing they plan to do will be impossible for them.

Other translations use the wordsPropose, set out, plan, and imagine.

1 Chronicles 29:18 KJV

O LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, our fathers, keep this for ever in the imagination of the thoughts of the heart of thy people, and prepare their heart unto thee:

You will pursue what you imagine

Isaiah 65:2

"All day long I have held out my hands to an obstinate people, who walk in ways not good, pursuing their own imaginations—"

1. Understand that God uses your imagination to co-create with Him.

Ephesians 3:20-21

20Now to Him who is able to do infinitely more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, 21to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

This is how we birth things. You need to see it. He gives you more than you can IMAGINE.

Jesus did what He saw the Father doing. How did He see this?

2. See what God is doing

John 5:19-20

19So Jesus replied, "Truly, truly, I tell you, the Son can do nothing by Himself, unless He sees the Father doing it. For whatever the Father does, the Son also does. 20The Father loves the Son and shows Him all He does. And to your amazement, He will show Him even greater works than these....

Dream with God. Develop a God sized vision.

3. Keep your heart whole and pure

You dream with your heart. The Imaginations of their heart. The imagination is so powerful for good and for evil.

Genesis 6:5

The LORD saw how great the wickedness of the human race had become on the earth, and that every inclination of the thoughts of the human heart was only evil all the time.

NLT The LORD observed the extent of human wickedness on the earth, and he saw that everything they thought or imagined was consistently and totally evil.

Genesis 6:6 The LORD regretted that he had made human beings on the earth, and his heart was deeply troubled.

NLT So the LORD was sorry he had ever made them and put them on the earth. It broke his heart.

God knew the consequences of evil imagination. If you are not dreaming for God and with God by default your imagination will be captured by something else.

Psalms 73:7

"From their callous hearts comes iniquity ; their evil imaginations have no limits."

Dr. Bruce Lipton at Stanford University Medical Center, it is your subconscious mind that ultimately casts the deciding vote on how much success, abundance, happiness, health and freedom you experience in your life. Dr Lipton explains that "most people don't even acknowledge that their subconscious mind is at play, when the fact is it is a million times more powerful than the conscious mind, and that we operate 95 to 99 percent of our lives from subconscious programs."

Because of what's in our sub-conscious many of us are limited with regards to how much money we will make, the quality of our relationships, health, competence etc

Are there proven methods to change your subconscious blueprint and create breakthroughs in every area of your life? Yes.

You imagine with your heart so you must guard it.

Prov 4:23

NIV Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.

NLT Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life.

If your heart is wounded your dream will be skewed. You will have trouble seeing, if your heart is cynical and wounded. This is because you see with your heart.

4. Know that you are chosen, loved and special.

Believe that dreaming is ok. God wants you to dream. Get rid of self de-authorisation. The greats in scripture had issues. God has chosen you. He has made you special. Cf Mourinho. Identity is key eg Bolt You are the legend. Moses, Gideon, Abraham.....Identity.

Embrace that you are chosen by Grace. Not because of your greatness but because of His love.

1 Cor 15:9-10

For I am the least of the apostles and am unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. 10But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace to me was not in vain. No, I worked harder than all of them — yet not I but the grace of God that was with me. 11Whether, then, it was I or they, this is what we

Judges 6:12

When the angel of the LORD appeared to Gideon, he said, "The LORD is with you, mighty warrior."

Dreaming starts with identity. He had to see himself as a mighty warrior before doing what warriors do. When the Lord spoke to him He emphasised the calling and not the circumstances.

Judges 6:13-16 "Pardon me, my lord," Gideon replied, "but if the Lord is with us, why has all this happened to us? Where are all his wonders that our ancestors told us about when they said, 'Did not the Lord bring us up out of Egypt?' But now the Lord has abandoned us and given us into the hand of Midian." 14 The Lord turned to him and said, "Go in the strength you have and save Israel out of Midian's hand. Am I not sending you?" 15 "Pardon me, my lord," Gideon replied, "but how can I save Israel? My clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my family." 16 The Lord answered, "I will be with you, and you will strike down all the Midianites, leaving none alive."

Joshua 1:1-5

Now it came about after the death of Moses the servant of the LORD that the LORD spoke to Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' servant, saying, 2 "Moses My servant is dead; now therefore arise, cross this Jordan, you and all this people, to the land which I am giving to them, to the sons of Israel. 3 Every place on which the sole of your foot treads, I have given it to you, just as I spoke to Moses. 4 From the wilderness and this Lebanon, even as far as the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and as far as the Great Sea toward the setting of the sun, will be your territory. 5 No man will be able to stand before you all the days of your life. Just as I have been with Moses, I will be with you; I will not fail you or forsake you."

John 15:9

9As the Father has loved Me, so have I loved you. Remain in My love. 10

Jesus loves us as the Father loved Him. How has the Father loved Jesus? He has conferred sonship upon Him.

Elsewhere it says Behold what manner of love the father has given unto us.....Rest in this love.

1 John 3:1

See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

NLT

See how very much our Father loves us, for he calls us his children, and that is what we are! But the people who belong to this world don't recognize that we are God's children because they don't know him.

When you know that you are special and loved you become comfortable with having a big dream.

When Jesus says you will do greater things than this, that's the heart of a father to a son. The Father heart of God wants us to excel. Jesus carries the Father's love for us.

What vows have you made that are minimizing your dream? "I will never put myself in a position where it is possible to fail". "I will never put myself in a position where I can be mocked or embarrassed." So we are controlled by vows we have made to protect ourselves from things that can't really harm us in the first place. The antidote is remaining in His love.

Focus on the WHAT of your dream and then the HOW will come later.

