

CHMN 760 Advanced Leadership
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The healthy discussion generated from Bro. Moskala's presentation between Spirit-guided leadership for vision versus the development by the group of a shared vision stirred my soul to earnestly seek God's vision in concert with God's people. Maybe the process for vision-casting includes both God's generation and revelation to His people while the people then facilitate His revelation?

Vince posed an answer from his church's evolution (St. Louis Central) of a vision through significant prayer time impacted me. Investing in intercessory prayer for God's vision to break through upon His leaders and people certainly has priority in vision-casting. I pray for my desire to increase in spending time with God for His vision in our church.

Caleb, Joshua, and Moses wandering in the wilderness (after the 10 spies demonstrated such lack of faith) for 38 years provide fodder for more investigation of their shared vision. Where did the vision go? What a manifestation of endurance and the "patience of the saints" to wait on God's vision to be realized as the children of Israel eventually entered Canaan!

Thinking of the disciples waiting in the Upper Room after Jesus' ascension to heaven brought more room for thought. While they were intentionally investing in heaven's resources and awaiting God's revelation, Pentecost then was poured out. I wonder what kind of vision-casting they were up to at that point?

The epiphany of Moses with God's glory also directs me to maintain a constant relationship to God and retain a faithful connection to Him as a leader. Connecting to the Source of power sets the tone and sparks the impact of leadership in the church community.

I look forward to more discussion of the origin and delivery of the vision as the class meets again.

Furthermore, Moskala's reference to David's influence and example of leadership offered another tidbit in my day declaring the impact of the family upon leadership. David did not have it together with his family, but certainly, in spite of his terrible mistakes, God was still able to use him. May God keep our families close to Him and each other!

Bro. Skip, your reference to Leroy Leiske brought back many memories to my heart from the last 2 college years when he was our president. He certainly had an abundance mentality! And he applied his heart and soul to the vision. In fact, he would be out on the mall planting flowers and shrubs many days as we were walking to class, beautifying the campus. Leroy exuded a sense of ownership and trust in conversation with you. By God's grace I want to project that sense of generosity and a spirit of "can-do!"

I think the key motivational thought that emanated from our class today was the strategic importance of doing ministry from the joy of serving Jesus Who loved me so much!