

Imagination

Lesson 1 “You Will See What You See”

I. Introduction - We are starting a series on “Imagination” today for a couple of reasons.

A. The Lord has been ministering this to me personally recently and it’s been helping me and so I want to share because I believe it will help you. For me, He’s been ministering about “double” and “seeing double.” As I’ve started to see it, my behavior/habits are started to change in order to align with what I see. I’m seeing increase and I want each of you to see increase.

B. The second reason is as we go through “The Power of Right Believing,” this will help bring acceleration to your believing. Understanding the the power of imagination and applying these principles will help take the words off the page about righteousness, healing, prosperity, etc. and help you to see it in 3-D. When you see in 3-D you will begin to walk in the promises of God, much more easily.

II. You Will See What You See

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2. Paul “Fireproof” example.

3. Before I give scripture on this (which I have a bunch of) I want us to do an exercise so you can see why Imagination is so important. Once you see it, you won’t be able to unsee it.

a. Close your eyes and imagine Jesus in the room. See Him however you see Him (in the glory, in a robe and sandals, in jeans and a t-shirt). Now imagine him coming over to you laying his hands on you, embracing, you and praying for you. Open you eyes. “How do you feel?”

b. Close you eyes again and see the room without Jesus in it.

c. Which version of reality is closer to the truth. The version where you saw Jesus in the room (even if you didn’t get all of the details right or the version where Jesus wasn’t in the room? **This is why imagination is so important.**

B. **Ephesians 1:15-19** This is a prayer Paul prays for this church. He prays that the Holy Spirit will reveal things to them, which their natural eyes are not currently seeing. **He’s wanting to get it from their head to their heart. He wants their heart flooded with light. He’s wanting their heart to see in blueprints, what the architect is currently describing with words.**

1. **diánoia**, deep thought, properly, the faculty (mind or its disposition), by implication, its exercise:—**imagination**, mind, understanding.
2. **Luke 1:51**
3. **1 Chronicles 29:18**
4. My examples:
 - a. Describing a church plant in my living room to 10 people. I described in words a modern church with with lighting, design, ambiance, that would meet in a middle school. My team couldn't see it. They thought the 10 of us were the church. They thoughts something dinky in a middle school cafeteria, etc. They couldn't see what I described nor the impact it would have. **(Put up pics).**
 - b. I learned from that so when we bought this building we had a graphic artist draw a sketch so people could see what we were going for. It helped everyone. People got involved and made personal and financial sacrifices. We got a ton of work done and raised \$150k in 6 months.
5. The point is, **“When people could see it, they could see it.” And this empowered them to walk in the reality of it.**

C. **Genesis 30:26-39 NLT**

1. Jacob and Laban made an agreement that Jacob would get to leave as he had served his time under Laban and take all the speckled and spotted sheep. Laban then acted deceitfully and removed all of these sheep from Jacob's care.
2. How did Jacob overcome? He peeled off strips of bark from the branches, which left white streaks. He then put the branches with the steaks in the watering troughs. When the sheep came to drink and mate (have intimacy, conceive - our mind is where we conceive) they reproduced what they saw.
3. **When they could see, they could see it!**

III. Conclusion

A. We will conceive what we see. I'm going to talk more in detail about how to change the image you are seeing on the inside next week, but I want to close by giving some practical things we can all do to begin the process:

1. As you read the scripture, ask the Holy Spirit to give you revelation (revelation example). I'd also encourage you to slow down, read different translations, study out the Greek and Hebrew. This will help you get a clearer or image of what God is saying through His word.
2. Get around people and things that will help you see where you are trying to go. Ex: Pastor Lawson, Ashley Terradez for me. They are further down the road and they look and life in ministry in different ways than I do. Being around them changes my picture. Example: You may be self employed but have a dream of

having a business where you have dozens of employees. Get to know someone who is walking in that now. Find out what they know and listen to them talk and see how they make decisions. This will help you see differently.

3. Remove competing images. Ex: if you are battling a severe disease, don't hang around negative people who are talking sickness. **1 Corinthians 15:33.**

B. Offering

1. **Isaiah 61:6-7 NASB** *But you will be called the priests of the Lord; You will be spoken of as ministers of our God You will eat the wealth of nations, And you will boast in their riches.7 Instead of your shame you will have a double portion, And instead of humiliation they will shout for joy over their portion. Therefore they will possess a double portion in their land. Everlasting joy will be theirs.*

2. Close your eyes and imagine possessing double of everything you possess. Imagine making double the income you make. Think about being debt free, having a bigger house, newer car, etc. See Jesus in the room coming over laying hands on you and then giving you double what you make for a week (this isn't a double paycheck, it's a blessing check).

Once you can see it, you can give. Some of you God may, lead to give more than normal because you see yourself at a new level. I'm not telling you to do that, I'm just saying to act in line with the image you see on the inside.

3. Pray over offering.

4. Transition to Craig