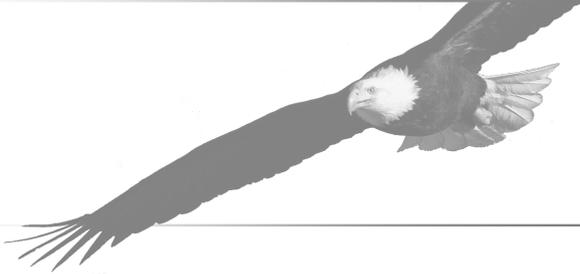


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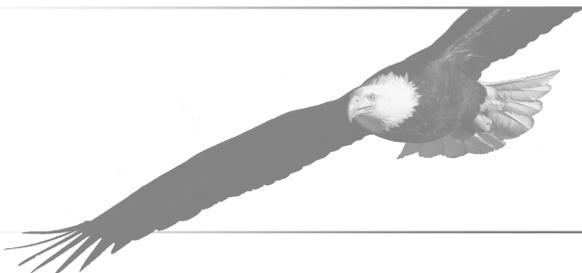
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How to Use This Study Guide

This study guide complement to *The Principles and Power of Vision* by Dr. Myles Munroe may be used by either individuals or groups and can be easily adapted to suit the needs of both. For your convenience, an answer key is provided in the back of this study guide.

Each chapter review includes the following elements:

Chapter Theme: The main idea of each chapter is summarized for emphasis and clarity.

Questions for Reflection: One or more questions are given as a warm-up to lead into the study or discussion of the topic. (For group study, these questions may be asked before or after reading the Chapter Theme, at the leader's discretion.)

Exploring Principles and Purposes: Questions and review material are provided to highlight and summarize the truths and principles within each chapter and begin to lead the reader/group participant to personalize what is being studied. Page numbers corresponding to the book are listed for easy reference.

Conclusion: A summary or implication statement is included to put the chapter theme into perspective.

Applying the Principles of Vision: Thought-provoking questions and suggestions for personal action and prayer are provided to help the individual/group participant apply the study material to his or her particular life circumstances. This section includes three parts:

- Thinking It Over
- Acting on It
- Praying about It

One of the most important things we can find out about ourselves is the purpose of our existence. As you progress through *The Principles and Power of Vision* and review its truths and practical applications through this study guide, you will come to understand your personal purpose and potential and discover how to recognize and fulfill your life's vision.



I n t r o d u c t i o n

No matter who you are or what country you live in, you have a personal purpose, for every human being is born with one. God created each person with a unique vision. He has tremendous plans for you that no one else can accomplish. The tragic thing is that many people live their whole lives without ever recognizing their visions. A lack of purpose and unfulfilled potential is epidemic in our world. I travel to many nations speaking to various groups, and I meet people on every continent who have no sense of personal, corporate, or national purpose. I see them struggling with aimless or misdirected lives.

Most people's lives do not reflect who they truly are or what they can be. Inside them are dreams that are not yet reality, gifts and talents they have not yet developed, purposes for their lives that are not yet fulfilled, the "something" they've always wanted to be or do but for some reason have not been able to accomplish. I wrote *The Principles and Power of Vision* (the result of thirty years of my research into purpose and potential) to show you how to discover, develop, and fulfill your personal vision. Now, this study guide companion will help you capture your vision and put it into practice even more fully in your life.

Vision is a conception that is inspired by God in the heart of a human. The greatest gift God ever gave humanity is not sight, but vision. Sight is a function of the eyes, but vision is a function of the heart. You can have sight but no vision. Throughout history, progress has been made only by people who have "seen"

things that were not yet here. Vision is seeing the future before it comes into being. It is a mental picture of your destiny. God gave humanity the gift of vision so we would not have to live only by what we see.

What have you always wanted to do? What is your heart's desire? What is your dream? When you can begin to see your vision clearly, you will be able to fulfill your life's purpose. The essence of vision is the ability to see farther than your physical eyes can look—to see not just what is, but also what can be and to make it a reality.

Consider this analogy: The destiny of an acorn is a tree. By faith, you can see the tree within the seed. You have a vision of it in your mind's eye because you know the potential in the seed. The same thing is true for you and me. God has given us birth for a purpose, and as far as God is concerned, that purpose is already finished because He has placed within us the potential for fulfilling it. We can see that purpose through faith. To paraphrase the Bible, faith is the substance of things you hope to accomplish, the evidence of things you can see even when others cannot. Only by seeing what is not yet here can you bring something new, creative, and exciting into existence. Your dreams, talents, and desires can be refined in a process of discovering and fulfilling your vision so that your unique and personal gifts to this world will shine forth.

I believe with all my heart that when you have no vision, you will simply relive the past with its disappointments and failures. As long as a person has vision, however, there is always a chance for him to move out of his present circumstances and toward the fulfillment of his purpose. Therefore, vision is the key to your future. This study guide will help you to reassess your life's strategies and make the necessary adjustments so you can plan for the future and not make the same mistakes and decisions that have hindered you in the past. You will come to understand the principles of vision as well as the practical tools and skills necessary to bring your vision into reality.

—Myles Munroe



Chapter One

Vision: The Key to Fulfilling Your Life's Purpose

GOD HAS PLACED WITHIN EACH PERSON A VISION THAT IS
DESIGNED TO GIVE PURPOSE AND MEANING TO LIFE.

CHAPTER THEME

One of the dilemmas of contemporary society is a lack of meaningfulness and purpose in everyday life. If you ask people, "Why do you exist?" most cannot tell you. They can't explain their purpose in the world. Many people are also struggling with job and life satisfaction issues.

Some people are fairly content with their lives, but they have a vague sense that there should be more significance to life than they are experiencing. Still others live on a surface level, pursuing a series of emotional highs that leave them empty and constantly searching for the next thrill that might satisfy them.

Do you have a sense of personal purpose? Do you know why you were born? Does your purpose give you a passion for living? You *can* know why you exist, fulfill your God-given

purpose, and experience a remarkable life in light of that knowledge. Hidden within you is the key to living a more fulfilling life than you ever imagined. That key is *vision*.

Questions for Reflection

1. Are you satisfied with your life/job? What do you especially like or not like about it? How do you wish it were different?
2. Do you feel that you are fulfilling your potential in life? Why or why not?

Exploring Principles and Purposes

3. The poorest person in the world is a person without a _____ . (p. 24)
4. What can happen when people have no vision beyond their current circumstances? (p. 24)
5. Although people often have all kinds of ideas in their minds, what pattern usually occurs in relation to these ideas? (pp. 25-26)

6. While the poorest person in the world is a person without a dream, the most *frustrated* person in the world is someone who _____
_____.
(p. 26)
7. What are some reasons why a person will abandon or get sidetracked from his or her dream? (p. 26)
8. God not only created each person on earth with a distinct _____, but He also placed in everyone a unique _____. (p. 28)
9. Fulfilling our visions or dreams brings what to our lives? (p. 28)
10. How did Dr. Munroe define "the very substance of life"? (p. 28)
11. What was every human being created to accomplish? (p. 28)
12. You were designed to be _____ for something _____. (pp. 28-29)
13. One person with vision is greater than _____
_____.
(p. 31)
14. What will make a way for you in the world and enable you to fulfill your vision? (pp. 32-33)

15. Why did Dr. Munroe say that education, in itself, is not the key to success? (p. 33)

16. While the gift is in you, what responsibility do you have in regard to it? (p. 34) In what ways can you do this? (p. 34)

17. What role does education have in relation to your gift? (p. 34)

18. Although we are all born as _____, most of us become _____. (p. 35) How can you prevent this from happening to you? (pp. 35–36)

19. Circle one: True or False:
By a certain age, we are too old to use our gifts. (p. 36)

20. How can a person realize his dream and not let that dream become a nightmare of unfulfilled hopes? (p. 37)

21. Your success in life depends on— [choose one] (pp. 37–38)
 - (a) the state of the economy.
 - (b) what careers are currently in demand.
 - (c) what the job market is like.
 - (d) your initial resources.
 - (e) what other people think you are capable of.
 - (f) your understanding and practicing the principles of vision.

22. In terms of fulfilling our visions, what are we the sum total of? (p. 38)
23. God has given you the _____ and the _____ to achieve your life's vision. (p. 38)

Conclusion

Every person has been given a vision for life, as well as one or more gifts that will enable him to fulfill that vision. Most people do things because they *have* to. Vision enables you to do things because you have *decided* to, based on your purpose. You were created to accomplish something that no one else can accomplish. Dream big. Somewhere inside you there is always the ability to dream. No matter how challenging it gets, don't give up, because your vision is the key to fulfilling your life's purpose.

Applying the Principles of Vision

Thinking It Over

- Do you know the answer to the question, "Why do you exist?" If so, what is the reason for your existence? If not, begin to write down any thoughts you have regarding your purpose; keep refining them as you progress through this book.
- How successful have you been in achieving your goals? What is helping you/hindering you in achieving them?
- Before reading this chapter, which of the following statements best described your overall goal in life: "I am retired" or "It is finished" (I have finished the purpose for which I was created)? Has your goal changed since reading this chapter? Why or why not?

Acting on It

- Make a list of your unique gifts, personal qualities, and interests. Then note whether or not there is a strong connection

between these gifts, personal qualities, and interests and the primary work and activities you are involved in.

- Write down ways you can develop, refine, and use your gifts.

Praying about It

- Ask God to help you see the vision He has placed inside you.
- Give thanks to God for the particular gifts and abilities He has given you.
- Read and mediate on this Scripture to remind yourself that God has created you with both a distinct design and a distinct purpose:

For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. (Ps. 139:13-14)

YOUR PURPOSE WILL BECOME YOUR PASSION.