

# Decades

## Part 2

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### Developing God-Inspired Dreaming

*“And now, dear brothers and sisters, one final thing. Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise.”* Philippians 4:8 (NLT)

#### 1. My imagination **SHAPES** my life.

*“For as he thinks in his heart, so is he ... ”* Proverbs 23:7 (NKJV)

*“Be careful how you think; your life is shaped by your thoughts.”* Proverbs 4:23 (TEV)

#### 2. Imagining is essential to **LIVING** by **FAITH**.

*“What is faith? It is the confident assurance that something we want is going to happen. It is the certainty that what we hope for is waiting for us, even though we cannot see it up ahead.”* Hebrews 11:1 (TLB)

*“We set our eyes not on what we see but on what we cannot see. What we see will last only a short time, but what we cannot see will last forever.”* 2 Corinthians 4:18 (NCV)

#### 3. Great **LIVES** are built around great **DREAMS**.

*“May He enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope His call holds for you ... ”* Ephesians 1:18 (NJB)

*“Where there is no vision, the people perish ... ”* Proverbs 29:18 (KJV)

#### 4. God’s dream for my life is **BIGGER** than my dream.

*“God can do anything, you know—far more than you could ever IMAGINE or guess or request in your wildest dreams! He does it not by pushing us around but by working within us, His Spirit deeply and gently within us.”* Ephesians 3:20-21 (MSG)

**Life Principle:** Let the size of my God determine the size of my goals.

#### 5. Doubt is the **ENEMY** of imagination.

*“But if any of you needs wisdom, you should ask God for it. He is generous to everyone and will give you wisdom without criticizing you. But when you ask God, you must believe and not doubt. Anyone who doubts is like a wave in the sea, blown up and down by the wind. Such doubters are thinking two different things at the same time, and they cannot decide about anything they do. They should not think they will receive anything from the Lord.”* James 1:5-7 (NCV)

<sup>22</sup>... 'But if You can do anything, take pity on us and help us!' <sup>23</sup>But Jesus said to him, 'If You can? All things are possible for the one who believes.' <sup>24</sup>Immediately the boy's father cried out and said, 'I do believe; help my unbelief!'" Mark 9:22-24 (NASB)

## 6. God's **SPIRIT** and **WORD** fuels my imagination.

<sup>16</sup>I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper who will be with you forever. <sup>17</sup>That helper is the Spirit of Truth ... you know Him, because He lives with you and will be IN you!" John 14:16-17 (GW)

"Help me understand the meaning of your commandments and I will meditate on your wonderful deeds." Psalm 119:27 (NLT)

### **The Key: A daily time with God.**

"The Sovereign Lord has given me His words of wisdom, so that I know how to comfort the weary. Morning by morning He awakens me and opens my understanding to His will."  
Isaiah 50:4 (NLT)

## 7. Growing my character will **CLARIFY** my **VISION**.

<sup>5</sup>... To your faith, add goodness; and to your goodness, add knowledge; <sup>6</sup>and to your knowledge, add self-control; and to your self-control, add patience; and to your patience, add service for God; <sup>7</sup>and to your service for God, add kindness for your brothers and sisters in Christ; and to this kindness, add love. <sup>8</sup>IF all these things are in you and are growing, they will help you to be useful and productive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup>But anyone who does not have these things cannot see clearly..." 2 Peter 1:5-9 (NCV)

## 8. If a dream is from God, it will be connected somehow to His **WORD**, His **CHURCH** and His **MISSION**.

"If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for My sake and for the sake of the Good News, you will save it." Mark 8:35 (NLT)