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SEE ALL THINGS NEW!

In 2 Corinthians 5:17, Paul wrote:

“Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.”

There’s a powerful word here I want us to study; it’s that word “BEHOLD.” It means “SEE.” Paul, by the Spirit, was saying, “See, all things are become new!” Not many Christians know that they have to see that all things have become new.

This is a charge, an instruction of the Spirit. He says to you, “See!” What are you seeing? Someone says, “Since I’ve been born again, things haven’t changed.” But that’s not what the scripture says

here. It says, “See, all things have become new!” If you’ve not been seeing all things as new, then you’ve been looking at the wrong thing. It’s time to say to yourself, “No, this is not what I’m supposed to be seeing. All things have become new!”

Now begin to see yourself in that new light. Stop seeing yourself with the natural limitations

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or shortcomings you were born with. Stop seeing yourself as subject to the misfortunes that may have plagued your earthly family. You belong in a new family now—the family of God (Ephesians 3:14-15.) Now, see that all things have become new!

Remember, you’ve got to help your vision. This is what we’ve learnt from Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. The Lord used the stars to help Abraham’s vision. Jacob used markings on wood to help his.

Find the right pictures that help your vision and keep them before your face. Stay with the things that steer the focus of your spirit and your mind in the right direction.

Be In the Right Place

This is why it's so important that you go to the right church and are exposed to the truth of God's Word. When people go to the wrong place, their vision is altered, and they start seeing the wrong things, because the Word of God is not being taught. God's Word gives you the right pictures and visions. That's because God's Word is His mirror that reflects back to you your true image in the mind of God.

It matters what you see. I've been a pastor for more than thirty years, and from time to time, pastors come across people who would always want to tell them what's happening in the church that's

not right. They think the pastor doesn't really know what's going on. But the truth is they're the ones who don't know what's going on, because they're looking at the wrong things. The pastor, however, has to keep his focus on what God is showing him.

Joshua And The Wall Of Jericho

So what do you want to see as a minister, businessman, parent, or student? If you keep looking at what negative-minded people are showing you, that's what you'll have. Let your focus be on what the Lord has shown you instead. We see a very instructive account in this regard from the life of Joshua.

“Now Jericho was straitly shut up because of the children of Israel: none went out, and none came in. And the LORD said unto Joshua, See, I have given into thine hand Jericho, and the king

thereof, and the mighty men of valour”
(Joshua 6:1-2).

At this time, the battle for Jericho hadn't started and there was no fighting as yet. Joshua was only just planning to attack Jericho when the Lord said to him, “...*See, I have given into thine hand Jericho, and the king thereof, and the mighty men of valour”* (Joshua 6:2).

But Jericho's fortified walls were still standing strong, and the entire city was in lockdown mode; nobody went in or came out, because of the children of Israel. Yet the Lord said to Joshua, “*See, I've given you Jericho, and the king, and all the men of valor.*”

God's first instruction to Joshua here was simple: “SEE!” This meant that for Joshua to conquer and possess Jericho, he had to “see” it first from within; he had to use the power of his imagination. If he didn't see that God had given him the land, he never would have possessed it.

This powerful principle still applies today; it doesn't matter that God has already done something for you, you've got to "see" it to possess it!

How important it is for us to have the right mental picture of whatever our desire is! Understand this: the extent of your vision is the boundary of your blessing! In other words, it's how far your vision can go that'll determine how much you'll possess.

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What do you see today about your career, business, family, finances, ministry, academics, etc.? If you're not happy with the progress you're making or the direction you're going, it's because you're not seeing. It's time for you to SEE!

Your Set Time Is Here

What can you see? How far can your mind go? I remember a remarkable experience I had some years ago during one of our healing meetings. A young girl who couldn't walk because of a condition she had was brought before me in a wheelchair. As I laid my hands on her to pray, I noticed she was moving her limbs, as if bracing herself for a dash. And as soon as I said, "Be healed!" she took off running! I had to quickly reach out and restrain her, because I wasn't through with her just yet.

You may be wondering, "How did that happen?" Well, that young child had built a picture in her mind of herself running that day. To her, it was the set time for her transformation, and nothing was going to prevent her from receiving her healing. She had already pictured strength coming to her limbs, and she could see herself running again just like any healthy kid her age. Guess what? That was exactly

what she got. She received her healing that day and started walking and running again, praise God!