



From My Heart to Yours...Kathy Tweeten, Administrator

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What is vision? A vision is the ability to see what is not seen. Vision is looking past the current circumstances to the future. A vision for what could be or should be produces perseverance in those who have the vision.

Some famous examples of vision and perseverance include: The man who failed in business at age 31. At 32 he lost his bid for the state legislature. His sweetheart died when he was 35. He had a nervous breakdown at 36. He was defeated in politics again at 38. At 40 he was defeated for elector. At 43 he was defeated for Congress. At 48 he was defeated for Congress a second time. Next, he failed to win a Senate seat. At 56 he was defeated for Vice President of the United States. At 58 he was again defeated for Senate. The man, Abraham Lincoln, became the 16th President of the United States. Despite his defeats, we don't remember him as a failure. He was a man who had a vision for what could be and perseverance to see it become a reality.

Another famous example of vision is the well-known multi-purpose product WD-40. Do you know what WD-40 stands for? It literally stands for Water Displacement, 40th attempt. That's the name straight out of the lab book used by the chemist who developed WD-40 back in 1953. The chemist, Norm Larsen, was attempting to concoct a formula to prevent corrosion - a task that is done by displacing water. Norm's persistence paid off when he perfected the formula on his 40th try. Again, with vision comes perseverance.

"Where there is no vision, the people perish." ~ Proverbs 29:18. If vision is looking to the future, then where do we, as believers, look for vision? God gives us vision ~

God gave Abraham a vision for being the father of a great nation ~ and it was through faith and perseverance that the vision was fulfilled.

God gave Joseph a vision that he would be a great leader ~ and it was through faith and perseverance that the vision was fulfilled.

God gave Moses a vision of leading his people out of bondage in Egypt ~ and it was through faith and perseverance that the vision was fulfilled.

And once you are given a vision of what God would have you to do, you must do due diligence to stay true to that vision. 35 years ago God gave a group of people in the Southwest suburbs of MN a vision for Christian education. Through faith and perseverance that work continues today at CHA. Our desire is that what we do here will not be hay, wood and stubble which will be burnt up and be of no value, but it will be gold, silver and costly stone (1 Corinthians 3:12) ~ purchased with a price and of eternal value. The investment that you are making as parents, teachers, volunteers, staff, and benefactors is what will last eternally.

But it can't be done without everyone working together. God has given each of us gifts. Some one, some many. Those gifts look different, but we need every gift to do what God has called CHA to do. Some here are given the gift of time, some the gift of talents, some the gift of finances, and some a combination of gifts. All these gifts are necessary for CHA to fulfill the vision that God has given us.

"Where there is no vision, the people perish." ~ Proverbs 29:18. Thank you for all that you have done and continue to do that is eternal and will not perish.