

LIVING WITH VISION

KEY INSIGHTS

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INTRODUCTION

After 61 years in ministry, Bill Prankard offers profound wisdom about receiving, stewarding, and living out God-given vision. This resource captures the essential insights from his conversation on the Victory Podcast, providing practical steps you can apply to your own life and calling.



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UNDERSTANDING VISION

What Makes a Vision God-Given?

Bill emphasizes that authentic visions from God share specific characteristics:

- **They're impossible by human standards** – “If it isn't impossible, if it isn't too big, if it is something you could do, then it's not God.”
- **They're bigger than you** – Requiring divine intervention and partnership with others
- **They persist through opposition** – True vision sustains you through difficult seasons
- **They align with God's heart** – Bill's vision for Canada's spiritual awakening reflects God's desire for nations

Personal Application:

- **Examine your dreams:** Do they require God's supernatural power to accomplish?
- **Check the source:** Does your vision align with Scripture and God's character?
- **Consider the scope:** Is it bigger than what you could achieve alone?



RECEIVING YOUR VISION

The Process of Divine Vision

Bill's pivotal vision came during a quiet moment by a lake, seeking God about ministry direction. He saw:

- »»» Canada in revival
- »»» Millions being swept into the Kingdom
- »»» Stadiums filled across the country
- »»» Young people on the streets of his city
- »»» Parliament coming to a halt because of the voice of God



Principles for Receiving Vision:

1. **Create space for God** – Bill found solitude and was seeking God's direction
2. **Expect the supernatural** – "This was so real. I could see it."
3. **Accept what seems impossible** – His vision required decades and divine intervention
4. **Let it define your purpose** – "When you get a vision, you can look at your life. It gives you a purpose"

Personal Application:

- **Schedule regular time alone with God** seeking His direction for your life
- **Don't dismiss "impossible" dreams** that align with God's heart
- **Write down what you sense God showing you** about your future and calling



STEWARDED VISION THROUGH DIFFICULT SEASONS

The 80s: A Season of Opposition

Bill faced significant challenges when televangelists fell into scandal, affecting all television ministries. His response demonstrates how to steward vision through opposition:

- **Kept speaking the vision** – Even when few believed
- **Stayed focused on the mission** – Didn't get distracted by circumstances
- **Surrounded himself with faithful people** – Avoided those who would "sap it out of you"
- **Never publicly doubted** – "I never told many people that I was struggling."



The Enemy's Strategy Against Vision

"The enemy will do everything" to derail God-given vision. Bill identifies common attacks:

- Discouragement through circumstances
- Isolation from supportive relationships
- Temptation to abandon the long-term view
- Pressure to settle for smaller, achievable goals

Personal Application:

- **Identify your current season:** Are you in a time of favor or opposition?
- **Evaluate your relationships:** Who encourages your vision? Who discourages it?
- **Develop vision disciplines:** Regular prayer, speaking your vision, staying in faith.
- **Prepare for resistance:** Expect opposition and develop strategies to overcome it.



BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS THAT SUPPORT VISION

The Power of Intentional Relationships

"I'm very intentional of the people I have in my life... If you want vision, you hang around people with vision."

Bill's Relationship Strategy:

- **Choose vision-minded people** – Those who dream big and believe God
- **Serve others' visions first** – "If you want your vision fulfilled, you find somebody with vision and serve their vision"
- **Create daily connections** – Regular contact with faith-building relationships
- **Avoid vision killers** – Those who consistently discourage or doubt



The Multiplication Principle

Vision creates partnership. Like Nehemiah rebuilding the wall, no one accomplishes vision alone. Bill's vision required:

- Other ministries joining the mission
- Generational partnership (Timothy Generation)
- Government officials
- Media coverage and public support

Personal Application:

- **Audit your relationships:** Who speaks life into your vision?
- **Identify mentors:** Find someone whose vision inspires you and serve them
- **Build your team:** Start gathering people who share your heart
- **Practice generosity:** Sow into others' visions and watch God multiply back to you



BRIDGING GENERATIONS FOR KINGDOM IMPACT

The Timothy Generation Partnership

Bill's Ministry's transition to Jacob Walda demonstrates healthy generational transfer:

Why It Worked:

- **Shared vision** – Both had the same heart for Canada
- **Mutual love and respect** – “I just love these young people”
- **Complementary strengths** – Different generations bring different gifts
- **Honour and humility** – Both generations valued what the other brought



For the Older Generation (Paul):

- **Don't retire from vision** – “You can age, but you don't have to get old”
- **Pour into younger leaders** – Share hard-won wisdom
- **Embrace change** – “Every move of God has its own sound”
- **Stay involved** – Do't withdraw; find new ways to contribute

For the Younger Generation (Timothy):

- **Honour those who went before** – Learn from their experience
- **Start by serving** – Prove faithful in small things first
- **Build on foundations** – Don't tear down what was built well
- **Stay humble** – Remember you're building on others' sacrifices



Personal Application:

- **Identify your role:** Are you more of a Paul or Timothy in this season?
- **Seek the other generation:** Find mentors or younger people to invest in
- **Practice honour:** Speak well of both older and younger generations
- **Create opportunities:** Bring generations together in your sphere of influence



MAINTAINING JOY AND FAITH THROUGH THE JOURNEY

The Joy Factor

Despite decades of challenges, Bill maintains infectious joy. His secret:

"I get to be a part of this... I just wake up in the morning grateful that anybody invites me... I'm still amazed at what God's done and I get to be part of it."

Practical Steps to Maintain Joy:

- 1. Remember your calling** – You didn't choose ministry; God chose you
- 2. Focus on privilege** – You get to serve the King of Kings
- 3. Celebrate progress** – Acknowledge every step toward your vision
- 4. Maintain perspective** – You're part of something bigger than yourself
- 5. Stay grateful** – Daily gratitude for the opportunity to serve



Personal Application:

- **List your privileges:** What aspects of your calling bring you joy?
- **Document progress:** Keep a record of how God has moved in your life
- **Practice gratitude daily:** Start each day thanking God for your calling
- **Celebrate others:** Find joy in seeing God work through other people



LIVING IN YOUR MOMENT

CONCLUSION

Bill Prankard's life demonstrates that vision isn't just about the future—it's about living with purpose today. Whether you're in a season of favor or opposition, building or transition, God has a specific role for you in His bigger story.

Remember:

- Your vision may take decades to fulfill, but every day matters
- You need others, and others need you
- The generations must work together
- Joy is a choice and a weapon against discouragement
- God is faithful to complete what He starts



TAKE ACTION

The question isn't whether God has a vision for your life—He does. The question is whether you'll embrace it, steward it well, and live it out with joy and faith, regardless of the timeline.

“Most people reject that God-given vision for a couple reasons. One, it's impossible. Something that could never come true because it's too big. Maybe there's some that you have no idea. And if it isn't impossible, if it isn't too big, if it is something you could do, then it's not God doing it.”

– Bill Prankard

Your impossible vision might just be God's invitation to partner with Him in changing the world.



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