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RAISING KIDS WITH VISION

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WHAT IS PASSION OR VISION?

Is it a dream? purpose? calling?

Where does it come from?

Who gets it?

Is it only for the elite?

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**WHAT DOES GOD SAY ABOUT
VISION?**

*God revealed his messages
to the prophets through dreams.*

LESSONS ABOUT VISION FROM THE BIBLE

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1. *God uses ordinary people with extraordinary ability to listen and obey.*
2. *Sometimes the visions don't make sense to the dreamer.*
3. *There are false visions/prophets*
Jeremiah 23:16: ...a vision of their own heart.

*Where there is no vision,
my people perish.*

Proverbs 29:18

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Not a lack of

Zeal

Education

Opportunity

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*Vision has to do with **seeing in the heart** and **hearing** the voice of the Lord.*

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*Are we teaching our kids **not only to pray,** but also to **listen** for the voice of the Lord?*

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God's instructions don't always make sense, but they are always for our good even preparing us for what is coming next.

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VISION:

*A word from the Lord often spoken
in a dream to ordinary people who
may or may not completely
understand what they have seen.*

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I was blind but now I see.

- John Newton, Amazing Grace

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***Jesus said, "For judgement
I have come into this world,
that those who do not see
may see and that those who
see may be made blind."***

John 9:39

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True Vision:
Comes through faith

Spiritual Blindness:
Results from legalism and a lack of faith

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The Lord opens the eyes of the blind.
Psalm 146:8

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*What does it mean to have kids with
vision?*

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Purpose

What is it?

Who has it?

How do we get it?

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*"God...(who) has called us with a **holy calling**, not according to our works, but according to **His own purpose** and grace which was given to us in Christ Jesus **before time began**.*

2 Timothy 1:8-9

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If you don't know God's specific calling for your life - ask Him!

"If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who give liberally to all and without reproach, and it will be given to him.

James 1:5

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*We were all created with a
God-given purpose for our
lives.*

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**HOW TO DEVELOP PASSION IN
YOUR TEENS**

- Make sure they get a really good education - NO GAPS!!
- Prepare early for standardized testing - need to be good test takers!
- Make sure they get good grades
- Apply for the best schools - leads to the best jobs

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THE AMERICAN DREAM

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*Many of us may be missing the mark by focusing too much on academics at the expense of asking God and being willing to listen to what **His own purpose** is for our lives and the lives of our kids.*

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*Not all people think and learn the same.
There are many types of intelligence.
We were created that way!*

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GENERAL PURPOSE:
Glorify God and make Him known
SPECIFIC PURPOSE:
Use our gifts and talents for this purpose

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"The goal of our instruction is love from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith."

1 Timothy 5

All scripture is inspired by God, and is profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness.

2 Timothy 3:16

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*The only way to raise kids with **vision and purpose** is to help them find out what **God's unique calling** is on their life and **walk in it.***

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You can begin to prepare your children for this great purpose by teaching them that they were created in God's image with great love for a specific purpose.

Tell them early.

Tell them often.

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*Didn't set out to raise visionaries
or world sailors.*

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Homeschooling inside the box.

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LESSON 1:
*Struggles are the
catalyst for change*

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*Jesus said that in this life we would
have trouble.*

*God is more concerned with our
character than our comfort.*

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**God is faithful to use our struggles
for our good.**

*And we know that all things work together for good to those
who love God, to those who are called according to His
purpose.
Romans 8:28*

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LESSON 2:
Stop Comparing

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*God's unique purpose for your family
will likely not look like that of the
homeschool family next door.*

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*Many of us have prayed to ask **if**
we should homeschool.*

*Are we praying to ask God **what** our
home schools should look like?*

*Do we know God's vision for our
homeschool?*

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God has a **unique purpose** for our own families that is **awesome and perfect** and **doable**.

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Our struggles are not meant to bring shame!

Condemnation is not from God.

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Does God's Word really hold all of the answers?

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Who has made the eyes?

The Lord said to him, "Who has made man's mouth? Or who makes him mute or deaf, or seeing or blind?

Is it not I, the Lord?

Exodus 4:11

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LESSON 3:
Let go of fear and seek God

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Stop comparing

Stop copying

Get into the Word

Get on your knees

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LESSON 4:
Responsibility vs Entitlement

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ENTITLEMENT
I should have a horse because I want a horse!

RESPONSIBILITY
I want a horse. How could I afford one?

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" If you want children to keep their feet on the ground, put some responsibility on their shoulders."

Abigail Van Buren

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Tell them that you love them.

And, discipline them when they need it.

Meet their physical needs.

And, teach them to meet their own.

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Empathize when they struggle.

*And, encourage them to persevere.
Remember, what doesn't kill us makes us stronger!*

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*Let them know that you are behind them
100%.*

***And,** let them clean up their own
messes, pay their own fines and face the
consequences of their own choices.*

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*Teach them who they are in God's eyes
thereby immunizing them to the world
who will judge them by their outward
appearance.*

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LESSON 5:

*Hone in on their interests with
interest-led learning*

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*There is incredible freedom in
homeschooling.*

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*Interest-led learning leads to
a love of learning.*

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What about gaps?

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There will be gaps!

Gaps can be filled if necessary.

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What is success?

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*What would be the worst thing that
could happen if...?*

*Could God still use them
and their lives?*

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*Look for your kids interests and abilities.
What gets them up in the morning?*

*Where these two things intersect, may
be where their calling lies.*

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LESSON 6:
The Incredible Power of Prayer

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Bad company corrupts good morals.

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*Praying your kids to find a passion
for something that would
consume them.*

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*Struggles drive us to our knees
and change the course of our
journey.*

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*Are you concerned for one or more of
your kids?
Pray that they would love God's Word.
Pray that they would have the gift of faith.

Ask others to pray.

Why wait until things are falling apart
to pray?*

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LESSON 7:

Learn to walk by faith and not by sight

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Replace fear with faith.

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What are you afraid of?

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My family's path looks nothing like I expected it to.

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Maybe your kids are too young to care about their future.

Maybe they are searching but have not discovered yet. It is NEVER too late!

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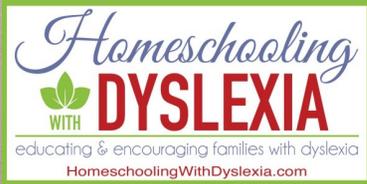
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Satan hates kids living out their God-given calling.

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Bathe them in prayer

Surround them with solid support

Don't read the comments!

Don't trust or rely on the media
