

## **Dreams and Visions**

### **Part Three - Dream Thieves**

#### **Acts 2:17 (NLT)**

“In the last days,’ God says, ‘I will pour out my Spirit upon all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy. Your young men will see visions, and your old men will dream dreams.’”

#### **John 10:10 (NIV)**

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life and have it to the full.

**God wants to give us a dream. Satan wants to take that dream away.**

#### **Proverbs 13:12 (NIV)**

Hope deferred (carried away, stolen) makes the heart sick (weak), but a longing (dream) fulfilled is a tree of life.

#### **Hebrews 11:1**

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

**The church should be a dream incubator.**

#### **Matthew 21:13 (GWT)**

He told them, “Scripture says, ‘My house will be called a house of prayer,’ but you're turning it into a gathering place for thieves!”

#### **Four Dream Thieves:**

- 1. Fear**
- 2. Distractions**

#### **Isaiah 50:7 (NIV)**

Because the Sovereign LORD helps me, I will not be disgraced. Therefore, have I set my face like flint, and I know I will not be put to shame.

#### **Proverbs 29:18 (NET)**

When there is no prophetic vision, the people cast off restraint, but the one who keeps the law, blessed is he!

- 3. Presumption**

#### **Psalms 19:13**

Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me! Then I shall be blameless and innocent of great transgression.

**James 2:17**

In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.

**4. Aimlessness****1 Corinthians 9:26 (GWT)**

So, I run - but not without a clear goal ahead of me. So, I box - but not as if I were just shadow boxing.

**1 Corinthians 10:31 (GWT)**

Well, whatever you do, whether you eat or drink, do it all for God's glory.

**Faith, discipline, plans, and purpose serve to ensure our dreams.**

**Revelation 3:11**

I am coming soon. Keep safe what you have, so that no one will rob you of your victory prize.