

Dreams and Visions

Part Four - Dream Conversions

Stewarding our dreams well will keep us beneath a tree of life.

Proverbs 13:12 (NLT)

Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but a dream fulfilled is a tree of life.

Psalms 126:1 (NIV)

When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dreamed.

How to Know If Your Dream Is from God

1. It will be God-sized.

Genesis 22:17 (NKJV)

(In) blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply your descendants...

Psalms 127:1 (NET)

If the LORD does not build a house, then those who build it work in vain.

2. It will be God-centered.

James 4:3 (ISV)

You ask for something but do not get it because you ask for it for the wrong reason - for your own pleasure.

3. It will be persistent.

Habakkuk 2:3

For the vision awaits an appointed time; it testifies of the end and does not lie. Though it lingers, wait for it, since it will surely come and will not delay.

God wants to help us convert our dreams into a fruitful existence.

Psalms 1:1-3 (NLT)

Oh, the joys of those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or stand around with sinners, or join in with mockers. 2 But they delight in the law of the LORD, meditating on it day and night. 3 They are like trees planted along the riverbank, bearing fruit each season. Their leaves never wither, and they prosper in all they do.

Nine Dream Conversion Principles

1. Do not dream like the world.

Vs. 1

Oh, the joys of those who do not follow the advice of the wicked...

1 John 2:16 (NLT)

For the world offers only a craving for physical pleasure, a craving for everything we see, and pride in our achievements and possessions. These are not from the Father but are from this world.

2. Do not subject your God-given dream to the influence of a sinful, wicked world.

Vs 1b

Oh, the joys of those who do not... stand around with sinners...

Romans 12:2 (NLT)

Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

3. Do not allow others to mock your dream.

Vs. 1c

Oh, the joys of those who do not... join in with mockers...

2 Peter 3:3 (NLT)

I want to remind you that in the last days scoffers will come, mocking the truth and following their own desires.

4. Allow your dream to be the law you live by.

Vs. 2

But they delight in the law of the LORD...

Proverbs 25:28 (NLT)

A person without self-control is like a city with broken-down walls.

5. Give considerable thought, focus, and attention to your dream.

Vs. 2b

... meditating on it day and night.

Haggai 1:7 (NIV)

This is what the LORD Almighty says: "Give careful thought to your ways."

6. Stay by the river.

Vs. 3

They are like trees planted along the riverbank...

7. Recognize the seasons.

Vs. 3b

...bearing fruit each season.

Ecclesiastes 3:1 (NLT)

For everything there is a season, a time for every activity under heaven.

8. Be sustained by God's faithfulness.

Vs. 3c

Their leaves never wither...

Psalms 55:22 (NET)

Throw your burden upon the LORD, and he will sustain you. He will never allow the godly to be upended.

9. Prosper!

Vs. 3d

...they prosper in all they do.

3 John 2 (NKJV)

Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers.

The dreams God helps us convert into a fruitful existence require the right soil.

Psalms 37:4 (ESV)

Delight yourself in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart.