



THE LORD'S FLOCK GROWTH DIGEST

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C. O. A. (Course of Action)

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'Course of Action' (COA) means a procedure adopted to deal with a situation. Our Christian life is meant to fulfill God's vision for us, that is, our purpose or dreams, but one must plan carefully. In achieving God's vision for us, we must take the best way to pursue it through a series of life-changing thoughts and course of action(s).

1. We must know God's vision or purpose for us.

God has a personal vision for us and most of us hardly identify it. Some visions will be given to us by prophecies, dreams, or prayers, and most of them are regarded by others as unattainable. However, God will give us all the graces to achieve them, once we put our trust in Him.

1.1. "Where there is no vision, the people cast off restraint, but blessed is he who keeps the law" (Prov. 29:18).

2. We must have a driving force to keep our dreams alive.

We keep the fire burning to sustain our momentum of achieving God's purpose for us.

3. We must dream big and mighty about God's vision for us.

God's personal vision or purpose for us might be planted as tiny seeds in our hearts, but it can be planned with greatness because our God is great.

3.1. Call to me and I will answer you, and will tell you great and hidden things which you have not known (Jer. 33:3).

4. We must "faith-picture" our dreams.

We visualize the outcome of God's plan and avoid dwelling on problems beyond our control. We must not be anxious, and we should place our trust in God who is in control.

4.1. For we walk by faith, not by sight (2 Cor. 5:7).

4.2. "Because we look not to the things that are seen...." (2 Cor. 4:18).

5. We must take action on our dream.

Our dreams will not be fulfilled without our active participation.

5.1. So, faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead (Jam. 2:17).

6. We must declare the success of our dreams.

6.1. Confess to what you believe (Rom. 10:10).

7. We must not lose sight of our dreams.

We firmly affix God's purpose on our life and let everyone know that our success comes from God.

7.1. Write down my vision...who reads it may run (Hab. 2:2).

8. We must own God's vision as ours and take responsibility on it.

9. We must not be afraid.

Satan will always attack our dreams, and our human weakness hinders achieving our dreams.

9.1. For God did not give us a spirit of timidity ...and a sound mind (2 Tim. 1:7).

Conclusion:

As Christians, we place our whole selves to redirect our ways and thoughts towards God's vision for us. God wants us to reach our full potential in achieving his vision, purpose, or dream for us.

Reflection:

1. Have you received God's purpose for you? How was it given?
2. How do you "faith-picture" your dreams?
3. How do you surpass your fears in achieving your dreams?

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