"Write the vision and make it plain on tablets, that he may run who reads it." – Habakkuk 2:2

A few years ago, I attended a very large church here in Michigan. After one particular morning service, the pastor and I were standing and talking in the Foyer. He had share in the service his thoughts about adding a building on the property. So, I asked him about it while we talked.

Pointing to the front yard of the church property, he said, "Right there! Do you see it?"

My response was not too well received. I said, "No Sir! I do not see it. It is a vision in your mind and unless you articulate that vision, doing as the Word of God says in the Old Testament book of Habakkuk, writing the vision down clearly with a beautiful drawing of the structure, I can't run with it. No one else will run either, most likely. It is not a clear vision."

Each person needs a clear vision for their own life. That vision needs to include the things they will and will not do. For example, will they function with situation ethics, ethics that change depending on the situation? Or, will they follow a standard of ethical and moral behavior, determined not to bend towards the unethical or immoral? Personal standards will guide a person in the right direction, if they are based on the Word of God.

A business also needs a clear vision to be successful. That vision should be written down and clearly stated so that everyone who reads it can run alongside that business, following that vision. Like a personal vision, a business needs to know what standards they are willing to follow and which of those standards they are unwilling to bend or break.

Governments need a clear vision. Governments who are successful in the long run will follow the godly standards set up long ago. Governments who bend and break those standards to achieve someone's personal goals, will fall apart
eventually. History shows us all of the nations who have broken the standards set up by God, risen to power, only to fall to pieces eventually.

What is your clear vision for your life? Is it a Christ-centered vision? If not, ask God to help you receive a clear vision from Him with Christ at the center. Be willing to take a stand for what is right regardless of the outcome. Make your proclamations of faith and truly stand by those decisions, unwilling to bend to anything worldly, just for personal gain.

A personal vision, a business vision, a government vision, all need to be clearly written down, so he who sees it can run with it. If you say something in that vision, do you truly mean to follow through? If not, you have bowed to situation ethics and broken a once great vision.

Without a Christ-centered vision, you have failed already! It is not too late to change that direction.