



CHURCH



The Seven "Laws" of Real Church Growth



The Law of Vision:

Real church growth is energized by shared imagination, not shared preference

Preference: a greater liking for one alternative over another or others

Energize: give vitality and enthusiasm to

Shared: Possessed in common with another or others

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Imagination

The faculty or action of forming new ideas, or images or concepts

The ability of the mind to be creative or resourceful



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Can You Imagine?

In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy.

Acts 2:17-18

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To Whom is Peter Speaking?

In the direct moment he is speaking to the Jews gathered around him there in Jerusalem

The idea of God's spirit being poured out was a revolutionary concept

Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me

Psalm 51:11

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The moment we are at now the spirit came and it stayed

Everyone received it

**It unites us with God
(*1 Corinthians 6:17*)**

**It unites us together
(*Philippians 2:1-2*)**



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Are We Prepared to Prophecy?

Prophecy the noun means you tell, about future events

Prophecy the verb means: to utter by or to speak as if divinely inspired



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It comes before and after visions and dreams

Our desire to speak will fuel our visions and dreams

But the inverse is also true, our visions and dreams should inspire us to speak

If we are not speaking, then we will never truly have visions and dreams for God, and if our visions and dreams do not inspire us to speak then they are not truly visions and dreams for God.

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Speaking is All Inclusive

The best word to go with prophecy is speak, but when we speak boldly about the things of God the word we use is preach

Please see the verses say sons and daughters

“even on my sons and daughters”

Speaking and preaching is not a guy thing it is a follower thing

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**If we are filled with
God's spirit, then
we will have
vision to speak
on God's behalf**



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Do We have Vision?

Healthy Vision has three aspects:

Where I have been, Where I am at which leads to Where am I going?

Vision must result in a plan otherwise, it's not a vision

How long has it been since we had a real vision for the lost?



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Is there anything that is more important, more urgent, or more effective than sharing the gospel?



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Do We have Dreams?

I love the fact that God, Joel, and Peter associate the dreamers with those that are "old"

There is irony to this because the older you get the smaller dreams become



You lived many of your dreams and honestly you probably feel like it is time to pass the torch

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Do We have Dreams?

Even when time is short, even when the world is dark, even when you think nobody is listening, keep dreaming

Until your race is run and your battle is done, keep dreaming

Dreams are where our imagination can go wild, the possibilities are endless, keep dreaming



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"When Alexander (The Great) saw the breadth of his domain he wept, for there were no more worlds to conquer."

As people created in God's image, we are designed to be curious and creative

We were made to dream dreams for ourselves and for God

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**When the last time, that we
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had a dream?**



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A Passion for God and Compassion for People

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Take Action

Speak Clearly

Plan Wisely

and Never

Stop Dreaming

