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To A Few Close Friends:

I was blessed to share lunch with my dad last week, something we used to do once a month or so, before his many surgeries over the summer.

As most of you know, my dad is not only a great man, but a great visionary. I have, for this reason, always been fascinated with men of great vision.

During the course of our lunch, conversation touched the gammet...sports, business, politics, finances, etc.

Somehow we wandered to the topic of vision, and my dad said something so profound, I believe, I feel compelled to share it with each of you-men of great vision in each of your respective fields. Because of multiple traumas to his brain, dad's thinking is not always crystal clear, but this day, at this moment, the dad I've known my whole life was "back".

One more thing, before I tell you what he said. It was how he said it...so humbly, so non-chalant, that I had to interrupt him and ask him to say it over. So here it is:

"Vision is seeing things as they are, even when they aren't."

I said, 'Dad, don't you mean "Vision is seeing things as they WILL BE, even when they aren't?"'.

Herein lies the secret to becoming a great man of godly vision:

Dad replied, "Actually, I see things AS IF they already are, so in my mind the vision has already come to pass, so there is no WILL BE, because things already ARE."

I don't know about you, but I have to set down my coffee and ponder this one, but when I do, I finally get it!

Men of vision, what is God calling each of us to do? Are we doing it? Do we believe God in such a way that we see things (yet to happen) as if they ARE that way, rather than seeing that they WILL BE that way?

Oh God, may each of us be faithful to the vision You have placed before each of us!

Blessings, Jon

Proverbs 29:18

"Where there is no vision, the people are unrestrained, but happy is he who keeps the Law."