

DYING IN THE DARK

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Ecclesiastes 2:17

It's a horrible feeling when a person is dying in the dark. It's **LONELY, CONFUSING** and **DISHEARTENING**. Dying in the dark implies that an individual is losing hope when **NO ONE** can see it. A lot of your family members, friends, co-workers and associates have died in the dark. In actuality, some people are dying as you are reading this.

A person who is dying in the dark is not necessarily poor, sick or struggling to survive. People who die in the dark can come from all walks of life. They can be prosperous, poor, sick, healthy, tired or energized.

Dying in the dark is **NOT** dependent on your status in life. It is dependent on your **VISION**. People with **POOR VISION** will **ALWAYS** die in the dark.

A RICH MAN'S SORROW

Ecclesiastes 2:17

Society encourages us to pursue success, fortune and riches. There's nothing wrong with attaining these things. However, it **DOESN'T** protect you from dying in the dark. Whether you believe it or not God **DOESN'T** protect you from dying in the dark.

He encourages you not to die in the dark but He will not protect you from it. Do you know how many Christians are losing hope everyday? Many. Do you know how many saved and sanctified people have lost hope for living? Many. Do you know how many Bible believing people are struggling to see a brighter day? Many.

God **NEVER** said that He will protect you from dying in the dark. He told you to **GET A VISION**. Our Lord warned us what would happen if His people did not have a vision. He said they would **PERISH**. Proverbs 29:18 says, "*Where*

there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he." This brings me to explaining the sorrows of king Solomon.

King Solomon was very wealthy. He had many wives. He was respected by great people. He had everything a person could dream of. He had a relationship with God. However, He was **DYING IN THE DARK**.

Ecclesiastes 2:17-20 says, *"So I hated my life. It made me sad to think that everything here on earth is useless, like chasing the wind. I hated all things I had worked for here on earth, because I must leave them to someone who will live after me. Someone else will control everything for which I worked so hard here on earth, and I don't know if he will be wise or foolish. This is also useless. So I became sad about all the hard work I had done here on earth."*

King Solomon's sorrow grieved him to the point that he hated his life. While reading the intimate thoughts of king Solomon it is easy to see the **HOPELESSNESS** he felt.

With all the wealth, abundance and prosperity king Solomon had, he was **VOID OF VISION!**

The **ONLY** thing that will prevent you from dying in the dark is having a **CLEAR VISION** for your future. Your vision illuminates your mind with **NEW** possibilities. Your vision provides **LIGHT** towards an uncertain and uncontrollable future. Your vision **PAVES** the way for your purpose to be fulfilled.

The world will encourage you to pursue the tangibles that will please the flesh. However, these material possessions will not stimulate nor add value to your vision. **PEOPLE WHO DIE IN DARKNESS ARE SPIRITUALLY BLIND.**

How many celebrities have died rich yet depressed? How many people have achieved massive success yet commit suicide? How many people smile in the public and cry themselves to sleep at night? The number is too large to count.

Unfortunately, these people did not understand the power of darkness. You cannot destroy the power of darkness with your success, education, status, wealth or knowledge. The **ONLY** thing that can destroy the power of darkness is the power of **LIGHT**. Remember, you are the light of the world. Matthew 5:14-16 says, "*You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden.*"

YOU WILL ALWAYS FIND LIGHT IN THE PRESENCE OF VISION! Be a person of vision who radiates light into your tomorrow. Be the individual who dies in the promise land and not the wilderness. People who die in darkness cry in silence. They moan in loneliness.

They weep internally. They scream in private. No one can save them because they are dying in darkness. Don't let this be you. **LIVE WITH VISION!**

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