

Decision for Vision
“One Life 1 Legacy” Part 6

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“Where there is no vision, the people perish.” Prov. 29:18 (KJV)

Helen Keller, that famous philanthropist who was blind from birth and deaf also, was once asked, “Isn’t it a great tragedy to be blind?” And she made the famous reply, “It’s a greater tragedy to have eyes and not see.”

Jesus Heals A Blind Man: Luke 18:35-43

1. **Believe Jesus can change my situation.**

“As Jesus approached Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. When he heard the crowd going by, he asked what was happening. They told him, ‘Jesus of Nazareth is passing by.’ He cried out, ‘Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!’”

Luke 18:35-38 (NIV)

“God paid for you with the precious lifeblood of Christ... Because of this, your trust can be in God who raised Christ from the dead and gave him great glory. Now your faith and hope can rest in him alone!” 1 Pet. 1:19 & 21 (LB)

2. **You must ignore all the negative voices**

“Those who led the way rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, ‘Son of David, have mercy on me!’” Luke 18:39(NIV)

*“The fear of human opinion disables you; trusting in God protects you from that.”
Prov. 29:25 (MSG)*

3. **You must listen for God’s call.**

*“Jesus stopped and said, ‘Call him!’ So they called to the blind man, ‘Cheer up! On your feet! He’s calling you.’ Throwing his cloak aside, he jumped to his feet and came to Jesus.”
Mark 10:49-50 (NIV)*

*“In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength.”
Isaiah 30:15 (NIV)*

4. **Tell God exactly what you want.**

“When he came near, Jesus asked him, ‘What do you want me to do for you?’ ‘Lord, I want to see!’” he replied.” Luke 18:40-41 (NIV)

“Since God did not spare even his own Son but gave him up for us all, won’t God, who gave us Christ, also give us everything else?” Rom. 8:32 (NLT)

5. **You receive your vision in faith.**

“Jesus said to him, ‘Receive your sight; your faith has healed you.’ Immediately he received his sight ...” Luke 18:42-43 (NIV)

*“From the fullness of his grace we have all received one blessing after another.”
Jn. 1:16 (NIV)*

“That’s why faith is the key! God’s promise is given to us as a free gift.” Rom. 4:16a (NLT)

6. Stick with Jesus on the road He travels

“Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus, praising God. When all the people saw it, they also praised God.” Luke 18:43 (NIV)

“...he regained his sight and began following Jesus on the road.” Mark 10:52 (NAS)

“Let’s keep focused on that goal, those of us who want everything God has for us. If any of you have something else in mind, something less than total commitment, may God clear your blurred vision so you’ll see it!” Phil. 3:15 (MSG)

Basic thesis:

When his vision is restored v52, he goes to now.... following Jesus on the road.

He’s either sitting beside the road as a beggar. Or he’s following Jesus on the road.

Here’s the most important question of the day:

Which of those two phrases is going to describe you in the next ten years of your life?

Are you going to be sitting on the side of the road watching life pass you ... the parade goes by and you’re on the sidelines... you’re sitting in the dirt begging.

Or are the next ten years going to be you following Jesus on the road. You’re either going to be sitting on the side of the road or you’re going to be following Jesus on the road.

Those are your choices.