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## HAVING A CLEAR VISION FOR OUR LIFE



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- To be more focused and productive in life
- Not to become discouraged during our trials and challenges
- To lead an overcoming and victorious life full of purpose, and
- To finish our life well with no regrets

But without a clear God given vision for our life, we can so easily make many poor choices in life that can complicate our lives and cause us much pain and suffering.

Jesus Himself also shared about the spiritual contest that we are all engaged in. Jesus said, "The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly." (John 10:10)

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- ❖ Your past does not have to define your future
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God's desire is also that we would not only have a fulfilled life here on earth, but that we would have an eternal home with Him. Jesus Himself said, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." (**John 3:16**)

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Today Jesus Christ is knocking on the door of your heart. Today you can open your heart to Him and receive the free gift of eternal life

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