I Was Not Disobedient to the Heavenly Vision

Pro 29:18 KJV Where there is <u>no vision</u>, the people <u>perish</u>: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he.

Pro 29:18 NIV Where there is no revelation, people cast off restraint; but blessed is the one who heeds wisdom's instruction.

Pro 29:18 ESV Where there is no prophetic vision the people cast off restraint, but blessed is he who keeps the law.

Where there Is Vision People are 'Engaged'

Paul was zealous for God "on a good career path" you might say Gal 1:14 And I was advancing in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people, so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers.

Act 22:3 ESV "I am a Jew, born in Tarsus in Cilicia, but brought up in this city, educated at the feet of Gamaliel according to the strict manner of the law of our fathers, being zealous for God as all of you are this day.

Php 3:5-6 ESV circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; 6 as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

He was equally zealous to persecute the church

Until the day He met Jesus then everything changed

The Vision - the revelation

Paul was immediately "Captured" by the vision of Christ



1)Immediate radical obedience 2)The help that comes from God 3)A commitment to scripture

The Heavenly Vision

Lifted him above the sins of his former life

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Moved him to consider his achievements as a zealous Pharisee as dung

The Heavenly Vision

Helped him to recognize God had a purpose for him BEFORE he was born

One brief moment - a heavenly vision - a revelation from God captured the heart of Paul, changed the course of his life, and the course of the world