



YouthBytes.org - A Powerful Tool for Youth Workers

YouthBytes is a simple, yet effective tool in the hands of those who have a passion to reach and teach this generation. The Episode Guide is designed to help you implement YouthBytes into your particular setting at whatever level you choose: from a full meeting schedule to just a small video to enhance your meeting. We encourage each worker to add his or her own stories, experiences and illustrations to make your particular scenario work. The discussion questions are also just a starting point and we encourage each group to go further and deal with local issues and topics that might be relevant.

Each YouthByte Episode will include :

- Video summary
- Icebreaker
- Primary Lesson
- Facts, figures and illustrations used in the episode
- Key Scriptures
- Discussion Questions
- Complimentary story

We look forward to getting your feedback and comments for these Episode Guides. Also let us know what subjects you would want new YouthBytes to cover. As always, testimonies are welcome. Comments, ideas, and testimonies can be sent to feedback@youthbytes.org.

Disc 7 ~Essential Ingredients Cake



Video Summary

God has given each person a vision, a desire and plan to do something great for Him. Some of these visions are small and some are great, but regardless of their size and implementation, they have eternal significance because God is the author of them.

What is your vision and how do you plan on seeing it birthed into fruition? Like a good recipe, God's plans and purposes for our lives require a detailed set of instructions that must be followed to produce the desired outcome. Are you following the directions that God has given you for His vision in your life or are you making changes and adding or taking away for the recipe?



Icebreaker ~ Baked Vacation

Two businessmen had decided to give their wives the vacation of a lifetime, and they rented a sailboat. Their plan was to explore the Marine Sanctuary and watch for whales.

The previous day, they had sailed from Vancouver into a stiff breeze. Both ladies got very seasick and demanded an end to the dream vacation. But by noon the second day, the ladies had recovered, and decided that the vacation might be as wonderful as their husbands had planned.

They created a Baked Alaska to surprise, and perhaps to show forgiveness to, their husbands. Unfortunately they decided to light the Baked Alaska on the ladder to the cockpit, right under the mainsail! The flicker that turned into a pillar of flames was the sail catching fire.

They were rescued by helicopter. They tried to salvage the yacht, but it burned and sank.



Primary Lesson ~ Fulfilling God's Vision

We all have opportunities to do something unique for God. This is part of our spiritual DNA in Christ. Yet, very few people fulfill the vision God has placed in their hearts. Most people blame their lack of success on God and other people, when in actuality it boils down to following the directions God has given you. As with anything we do in the natural, we must follow blueprints or a set of instructions to have success. The same applies for what we attempt spiritually for God. God knows what is best and has given each of us a recipe for success.

The influence for friends and society weigh heavily on our ability to follow the directions to the letter. As with any undertaking that requires faith, the vision is attainable as long as we realize we are not doing this alone. Most problems arise when we take our eyes off of the recipe in front of us and begin to listen to advice and faulty information. God's vision requires discipline and attention to detail. We can't do just what feels good; we have to apply basic spiritual principles to anything we do for God.



Facts, Figures & Illustrations

Vision ~ A mental image produced by the imagination; The mystical experience of seeing, as if with the eyes, the supernatural or a supernatural being; The ability to form mental images or pictures and plans of things or events.

- Unleavened bread does not rise it is made without yeast or another raising agent:
- Leavened bread contains yeast or another raising agent, thus giving it the fluffy appearance.
- Baker's yeast is used to leaven bread throughout the world and it is the type of yeast that people are most familiar with. Baker's yeast is produced from the genus and species of yeast called *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*.
- The typical yeast cell is approximately equal in size to a human red blood cell and is spherical to ellipsoidal in shape. Because of its small size, it takes about 30 billion yeast cells to make up to one gram of compressed baker's yeast.
- The use of leaven was strictly forbidden in all offerings made to the Lord by fire (Lev. 2:11; 7:12; 8:2; Num. 6:15). Its secretly penetrating and diffusive power is referred to in 1 Cor. 5:6. In this respect, it is used to illustrate the growth of the kingdom of heaven both in the individual heart and in the world (Matt. 13:33). It is a figure also of corruptness and of perverseness of heart and life (Matt. 16:6, 11; Mark 8:15; 1 Cor. 5:7, 8).
- Each American consumes, on average, 53 pounds of bread per year.
- People who work in the garbage dump in Phnom Pen earn 5,000 riel per hour, about 50 cents.
- Roughly 2,000 people, about 600 of which are children, live and work in the city dump.



Key Scriptures (From New King James Version, unless otherwise noted)

Isaiah 28:10 ~ *For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little.* (KJV)

Habakkuk 2:2 ~ *Then the LORD answered me and said, "Write the vision, and make it plain upon tablets, that he may run who reads it."*

Jeremiah 29:11 ~ *"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."* (NIV)

Matthew 16:5 ~ *Then Jesus said to them, "Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and the Sadducees." And they reasoned among themselves, saying, "It is because we have taken no bread."*

Matthew 16:9-12 ~ *Do you not yet understand, or remember the five loaves of the five thousand and how many baskets you took up? Nor the seven loaves of the four thousand and how many large baskets you took up? How is it you do not understand that I did not speak to you concerning bread?—but to beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees." Then they understood that He did not tell them to beware of the leaven of bread, but of the doctrine of the Pharisees and Sadducees.*

Proverbs 29:18 ~ *Where there is no vision [no redemptive revelation of God], the people perish; but he who keeps the law [of God, which includes that of man]--blessed (happy, fortunate, and enviable) is he.* (Amplified)



Discussion Questions

1. Discuss the vision God has given you and what are some basic ingredients that go into making it a reality.
2. What issues are opposing your preparations to fulfill the vision God has given you?
3. The Bible says to write the vision down. This will help you refer to the steps needed to fulfill it when you face opposition. Have you written your vision down? Do you refer to it daily?
4. The Bible says in Ecclesiastes 5:3 *"For a dream comes with much business and painful effort."* Are you willing to do whatever it takes to see your vision become reality? If not what are the issues stopping you? Have someone pray with you if you are dealing with fear of failure or pride.



Complimentary Story ~ The Fox Hunter

There is a story about an old fox hunter. He had been extremely successful, but he finally decided to retire and go south for the winters.

Before he left for his first winter in a warmer climate, an energetic young man came to him and asked how to become as successful as the old hunter. He offered to buy the old man's shop, his hunting rights, and even his secrets for successfully hunting foxes. The old hunter agreed; he sold the young man all his goods and carefully told him all the secrets to his great hunting success.

When the old man returned in the spring, he sought out the young man and asked how his first season as a fox hunter had been. Discouraged, the young man admitted that he had not caught a single fox. The old man pressed further: had he followed the instructions given him? "Well, no," answered the young man. "I found a better way."

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