

# MUSTARD SEED LEADERSHIP PODCAST

## Self Leadership #2

### **My definition of leadership:**

*“Leadership is intentionality”*

- Doing things on purpose or with conviction
- I believe that people are influenced and inspired by people who live by conviction

### **So as you develop your leadership, where do you start?**

Maxwell *“The hardest person in the world to lead is yourself”*

So let's start with the hardest person to lead and learn to lead them well.

*1 Corinthians 9:24-27 (NLT)*

*“24 Don't you realize that in a race everyone runs, but only one person gets the prize? So run to win! 25 All athletes are disciplined in their training. They do it to win a prize that will fade away, but we do it for an eternal prize. 26 So I run with purpose in every step. I am not just shadow boxing. 27 I discipline my body like an athlete, training it to do what it should. Otherwise, I fear that after preaching to others I myself might be disqualified.”*

1. ATTITUDE - *“So run to win!”*

2. VISION - *“but we do it for an eternal prize.”*

Vision for a leader is like oxygen to the body

- you just can't live without it

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

### **Two things to note about this verse:**

1. That word 'vision' is translated as revelation, or divine revelation in some translations

- ie. not just a nice goal but a revelation of God's Divine purpose for our lives
- It is 'uncovered' prophetically as we seek the Lord
- This process of finding God's vision for your life or church or organization can take a while as you seek the Lord

## 2. It says that 'people perish' without vision

- That's how important vision is to people!
- Our job as leaders is to supply it!
- And it starts with personal vision!
- Some translations speak of 'casting off restraint' or even 'running naked'
- Basically what it means is that WHEN VISION DIES SO DOES SELF DISCIPLINE!
- And that for me is the BIG IDEA

In the next episode we will talk about self discipline

- **what's important to know here is that self discipline is a PRODUCT of vision.**

*Hebrews 12:2 (NLT)*

*2 We do this by **keeping our eyes on Jesus**, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith. Because of the joy awaiting him, he endured the cross, disregarding its shame. Now he is seated in the place of honor beside God's throne.*

If we walk according to this scripture then our eyes should be on Jesus ALL THE TIME

- so what then is our vision?
- It must be CHRIST HIMSELF
- Jesus is our vision of perfection, maturity, victory
- Whatever the specific focus of our personal or organizational vision it must be linked to Christ if it is to carry the power of God

## CHALLENGE:

Do you have a vision - God's vision - for your life?

## PRACTICAL:

How to help shape a vision. Answer these questions:

- What are your favourite scriptures and why?
- What are your spiritual gifts?
- What prophetic words have been spoken over your life?

- Who is doing the type of job you would love to be doing?