

# Our Young People

## SEE AND DO.

Topic for May 13—"Vision and Service."—{Ex. 24 : 15-18 ; 32 : 10, 20 ;  
Matt. 17 : 1-8, 14-20.

"They saw no man, save Jesus only."

### Vision and Service.

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By the change of a word, let me put it also "Vision for Service," Vision precedes service, and is its motive, inspiration, and impulse. You must see the thing to be done before you can rightly or strongly do it.

Vision differentiates men. Moses saw God in the Mount and became the leader and law giver, deliverer of a nation, Aaron, visionless, set up a golden calf for a deluded people to worship. Man with true vision is a worshipper of God; man without vision has worshipped the golden calf ever since Aaron's day.

Vision is something to pray for: "Lord, I pray thee, open his eyes that he may see," prayed Elisha, the prophet for his servant. "And the Lord opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw." Saw things as they were; saw the spiritual forces as well as the material; saw God in His word, able to deliver His own against all human forces, Elisha's prayer expresses the need of souls in every age. Sinful man needs vision of God, of himself, his relations to God and fellow man, his human dependency and divine possibilities.

Pray for the "heavenly vision." The need is not so much for sight as for true sight. There is too much short sight and sharp sight, too little spiritual vision. One must see true to be true. Multitudes apparently are content to live on in the condition of the half-sighted man who said, in reply to the question of the Master, "I see men as trees, walking." He was at the halfway house between sight and sightlessness. But Jesus did not leave him in that pitiable and perilous estate, with just vision enough to see things distorted and wrong. He touched the man again and into full sight. So it is His purpose to touch every soul into clear and true and impelling sight. He wants no distorted views of life and duty, wants none to see men as trees, but as men. He came to make possible to us, as to Paul, the "heavenly vision."

This vision, when one is not disobedient unto it, is power and transformation. It made another and a new creature of Paul. Conversion is the product of God-given vision, which reveals self, sin and the Saviour. Regeneration is the birth of the soul sight. When we enter into the Christ-life we are given the Christ vision of life and then only see life aright.

And this Christ vision of life is always one of service. Christ's example and teaching make any other idea unthinkable. He came to serve: He went about

doing good; He gave Himself for others. He declared, "If any man will be My disciple, let him deny himself, take up his cross and follow Me." To follow Him is to tread daily and perpetually and patiently the paths of self-forgetful, self-sacrificing service. "Saved to serve" is a phrase of infinite significance.

Vision in order to serve; service the natural and necessary outcome of vision—keep these ever in right relation and union. The heavenly vision irradiates and glorifies the earthly service. In this light there is no low or mean or small or contemptible in service. All service done in Christ's name and for His sake is high and noble. Vision is revelation. Remember how, the "Vision of Sir Launfal," the knight, after spending his life and giving up all in search for the Holy Grail, came at last to see the face of Christ in the loathsome leper and in serving this lone outcast found the joy of his Lord, and saw service glorified:

And Sir Launfal said: "I beheld in thee  
An image of Him who died on the tree,  
Mid Mary's Son, acknowledged me;  
Behold, through him, I give to thee."

As Sir Launfal mused, with a downcast face,  
A light shone round about the place;  
The leper no longer crouched at his side,  
But stood before him glorified,  
Shining and tall and fair and straight  
As the pillar that stood by the Beautiful Gate,  
Hlashed the Gate when by night can  
Enter the temple of God in man.  
C. E. World

### Worth Remembering.

Here is a little stanza by Dr. Van Dyke which is worth memorizing:

Four things a man must learn to do,  
If he would make his record true:  
To think, without confusion, clearly;  
To love his fellow-men sincerely;  
To act from honest motives purely;  
To trust in God and heaven securely.

### For Daily Reading.

- Mon., May 7.—Visions essential.  
Prov. 29 : 18 ; Gal. 1 : 11-18
- Tues., May 8.—Heavenly guidance.  
Gen. 28 : 10-22
- Wed., May 9.—God's appeal in visions.  
Acts. 9 : 1-12
- Thurs., May 10.—Good results through obedience.  
Acts 26 : 13-20
- Fri., May 11.—The vision of John.  
Rev. 1 : 10-23
- Sat., May 12.—Seeing the Son of God.  
Dan. 9 : 13-25
- Sun., May 13.—Topic Vision and Service,  
Exod 24 : 15-18 : 32 : 19, 20 ; Matt 17 :  
1-8, 14-20.

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