

VISIONS SERIES

Sometimes when we hear people share how they have seen a vision from the Lord, we get the impression that seeing vision belongs to a few special people. Maybe God speaks to them in vision but God doesn't speak to me in visions. That was my impression when I first knew the Lord as a young Christian. But as I grew in God and studied the Word, I realize that seeing visions should be a normal part of a Christian life and does not belong to just a few.

Of course, bearing in mind the background that we have already studied and we are not repeating those grounds but I may have to speed it before we go further. That is we should know by now there are three types of vision. One is what we call a close vision. Another is an open vision and the third is spiritual vision. The closed vision is a vision, which you see when you are in a trance. And it's called closed because your five senses are closed up. You do not experience the five senses any more. You are only experiencing the inner spiritual vision. Like for example if right now you have a closed vision, you may see the Lord Jesus and you may see the angels of the Lord but you will be sure whether you are in the spirit or in the flesh. And that was the type of vision that Paul experienced when he said that he knew a man in the Lord who was caught in the spirit whether in the flesh or in the spirit he does not know. Why because he was in a trance. His five senses were temporarily suspended. The vision that Peter saw in Acts 10 of the unclean animals coming down and being taken up three times is a closed vision for he was in a trance.

The second type of vision is what we call an open vision where you are in the

vision yet at the same time you see the natural world. For example, you see the Lord Jesus in an open vision you will see the pulpit, you will see the platform, the chairs and the Lord Jesus standing there among the physical and natural things. So, when we say open it means that your natural senses are still opened. An example of an open vision took place in the book of Acts 12 when Peter was being taken out of the prison. An angel was leading him out of that place. Obviously, he had to see the natural place. And he saw the natural doors opened. He saw the angel going through the doors and he also followed the angel. That is an open vision.

The third type of vision is what I call a spiritual vision. That is the vision that you see with the inner eyes of your spirit. That type of vision is sometimes close to what people call the imagination. But it's not imagining it's real. That spiritual vision is what you see with your inner eyes of your spirit. It's not particularly strong enough for you to say that you have entered in a trance. You are not in a trance. Neither is it an open vision because you cannot see the natural and the spiritual. So, it's just some thing that you see inside your inner eyes of your spirit. That's called a spiritual vision.

Of the three types of visions, they are classified into the highest vision and the lowest vision. The lowest vision is the spiritual vision. The second is the closed vision and the highest type of vision is the open vision. But the lowest revelation is the highest vision. It's the other way round. The open vision is the highest type of vision. And the spiritual vision is the lowest type of vision. You don't really enter into that spirit realm but you saw a glimpse of it. However, the lowest type of vision is the highest revelation. And the highest type of vision is the lowest revelation. Because when you see an open vision, you don't need much faith. I mean if an angel appear to you and say, "Go to house No. 34, Washington Street and there will be a man named John Tan. He will have a sickness on his left leg. When you open the door, he will be there." There is no need for you to exercise much faith. All you have to do is just obey. So, that is the lowest type of revelation. The spiritual vision is the lowest type of vision and the highest revelation is what you see with your spirit. And it takes more faith to operate what you see in the spiritual vision. Because of that, it is considered the highest revelation. For you need faith. You will be asking yourself, "Is that from the Lord? Is that from my imagination?" You need more faith to follow. In a prayer meeting, you suddenly have a spiritual vision where you saw this guy John Smith in Madison Avenue.

Then you have to go there to meet him. You are wondering, "Is it from my own imagination? Or, "Is it from the Lord?" To really operate in a spiritual vision you need more faith.

What we are going to see here is that it is inherent in each one of us to be able to see visions. Seeing visions is not some thing that belongs to a few mystical gurus. It is some thing as common as life itself. To understand the whole concept of seeing vision we need to understand first the makeup of human being that God has created. God made man in His image. When Adam was first created, Adam could relate to the spirit world and the natural world freely. He could touch and reach into the spirit realm as well as the natural realm. There was no blockage of his experience of God. If an angel were there, he would have seen him. There is no such thing as anything being invisible to Adam's eyes. For the spirit world was as visible and natural as the natural world. It was only after Adam fell that the bible says in Ephesians 4:18 that the understanding of all Gentiles were darkened and alienated from the life of God. When Adam fell his spirit was cut off from the life of God and his understanding was darkened. That is when he could not now see the spiritual realm.

There is a natural light and there is a spiritual light. Let's compare spiritual sight to the sense of sight in the natural realm. In order for us to see in the natural we need light. If suddenly light is removed and we are enclosed in a place where no light comes in it would not be possible for us to see. That is why at night you can't see as clearly as in the daytime for there is less light to see. What do we do in a dark room when we want to see object. You got to feel your way to the switch. Then with light you could see. The sense of natural sight depends on light falling on object, bouncing off an object, and reaching your pupil and your eye. It depends on the perception of light. In the same way, spiritual sight depends on spiritual light. According to the degree of spiritual light that is allowed to enter into our spiritual eyes, we would be able to see visions. It's proportional. Like even if the whole room is bright and your eyes are covered with some objects that prevent light from getting into your eyes you will still not be able to see.

The bible tells us that in Ephesians 4:18 that the understanding of man has been darkened. There is a shadow that has been cast over the understanding of man. As a

result of that, man cannot see into the spirit realm. Let me qualify that. Generally, man cannot see into the spirit realm but we realize that some people are opened to the evil spiritual realm. That is because the demonic powers are at work in their type of imitation light. These demonic powers open such persons to the demonic realm and relate to them. But there is a positive and a good realm of God where God's Spirit works and opens and enlightens the understanding.

Eph. 4:18 *They are darkened in their understanding (dianoia) alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart.*

See the *dianoia* was darkened. Therefore, they cannot see into that spirit realm.

Now the opposite statement where the *dianoia* is flooded with light is over here in Ephesians 1:18. *The eyes of your understanding (dianoia) being enlightened (the Greek actually says flooded with light); that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the exceeding greatness of His mighty power toward us who believe, according of His mighty power.*

I say that here the believers were having their understanding or their *dianoia* enlightened. Of course, the word *dianoia* has been translated as *imagination* in Luke 1:51 as imagination of their hearts. The *dianoia* is a part of our soul that is able to see into that realm of the spirit. It's a part of us that see pictures. There are two parts to our mind that operates. One part of our mind is a part that reasons and that is the word *dialogismos*. And the word *logis* is where we get the word *logic*. The other part of our mind is a part that sees pictures. Like we say *a dog*, immediately in your mind will come a picture of a dog. When I mention the word *dog* to your mind, right now you recall whatever dog you remember in your life. If you own an Alsatian, you would think of an Alsatian. That is just a part of your mind that just visualizes.

Now our mind at the same time consists of the conscious mind and the sub-conscious mind. (Illustration) Lets say this person here represents *dialogismos*. And

this other person here is *dianoia*. Both of them represent a part of our conscious mind. We could consciously imagine and consciously create a picture. We could consciously reason with facts that are given to us. In that realm, we realize that there is an association and working of the two in our conscious mind.

As we look into that, let me give some definitions here. Heb.4: 12 *For the Word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and spirit, of joints and marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.* It tells us that the Word of God is awakening the thoughts and intentions of the heart. It's by the working of God's Word changing and transforming our lives. That working of God here is explained by two Greek words. The word *thoughts* is the Greek word *enthumesis*. And the word *intent* is the word *ennoia*, which has been translated in I Peter 4:1 as the word *mind*. *Enthumesis* has been translated in Acts 10:19 as *thought*, when Peter thought about the vision he saw. The word *ennoia* is a derivation from the word *dianoia* - just knock off the *dia* and put the *en* inside. *Dia* in the Greek means *through* and *en* means inside. The *ennoia* is the inside of your being.

As we look at those two words, we need a little more illustration. So, this brother consists of the conscious mind *dianoia*. And that brother is *dialogismos*. Let take a third brother here to be *ennoia*. And this fourth brother will be *enthumesis*. Now your *dialogismos* and your *dianoia* are the two parts of your conscious mind. One part that reason logically and the other part that imagines and sees pictures creatively. Then you have a sub-conscious mind, which is in the depth of your being. The sub-conscious consists between 90 to 95 percent of our mind. We are only using about 5 percent of our mind in the conscious realm; the sub-conscious is the rest of it. That *ennoia* is the sub-conscious part of your *dianoia*. It's a part of you where the action rises and where the pictures are stored. Right now in your conscious mind, you don't have all the pictures that you have seen from the time you were born until right now. You couldn't because your conscious mind cannot be looking to all those things at one time. So, your conscious mind stores it in the sub-conscious.

Inner healing is the work of the blood of Jesus reaching into your sub-conscious and removing all the bad pictures and the bad reasoning that put bondage in your

being. That's what inner healing is. It's the blood of Jesus entering into your sub-conscious and removing the wrong pictures that are causing your life to be in bondage. Fear can come because of a wrong picture. For example, a person can have fear of water because perhaps at a certain time early in childhood, he or she may have fallen into water and nearly drowned. The picture is locked up inside their *dianoia* and transferred into the *ennoia* even before they have developed their *dialogismos* to reason like an adult. And the rest of their life they are afraid of water. If you ask them why, they cannot explain. But the fear is there. The picture of them drowning is locked up in them. Sometimes it could be other pictures, pictures of hurt. When somebody has hurt you so much that you could remember and picture that hurt, anger, or a crisis that you have gone through, then that picture is still locked in your imagination. Let me tell you the pictures that are locked in your imagination can hold you stronger than prison bars can. You could outwardly be free but that locked picture today motivates you, affects and influences some of your decisions and some of your reactions to people and to circumstances. That is why people need an inner healing for the blood of Jesus to step into that and cleanse it.

Remember Jesus ministers inner healing to people. In the gospel of John, after Peter denied the Lord Jesus, he was trying to keep himself warm while Jesus was on trial. The bible mentioned that the fire that he was warming over was a coal fire. Remember coal fire gives a peculiar smell. It's just like if you fry food with coconut oil, the food has a peculiar taste. Coconut oil gives the food a peculiar taste. And you know that it has been fried with coconut oil and there is no mistake about that. So when you burn something with a coal fire there is a peculiar smell in the house. Now Peter denied Jesus and can you imagine the agony that has entered his life? From that day onwards after he had denied Jesus, the picture of his betraying Jesus has locked in his imagination. And just when the cock crowed Jesus turned and looked at him and he wept and cried. Can you imagine what kind of picture is locked inside his imagination? Later on in the ending of the gospel of John when Peter had gone fishing and Jesus was on the shore, He said, "Children have you any fish?" And Peter realized that it was Jesus and he swam to Jesus and when he came near to Jesus, he smelt the same smell. He smelt the burning of coal fire. Immediately all the memories of that day when he denied the Lord came rushing to his conscious mind. If you had an agonizing crisis and experience at the seaside, I am sure the next time I bring you to the seaside the first thing you do is to remember that bad experience. And it depends on the degree of how it affects your

life. If it really has damaged your life, you will never want to go to the seaside again because of that imagination. So, Jesus had to minister inner healing to Peter. Right at the place, Peter remembered every thing. Right at that time, Jesus made him confess three times that he love Him to heal the wounds of denying Him three times, "Do you love Me, do you love Me, do you love Me?" In the Greek, Jesus asked Peter, "Do you *agape* Me? Do you *agape* Me? Do you *philo* Me? From that day forward, every time Peter smell coal fire he may at times remember the denial. So, Jesus ministered to him right in that occasion. So, if you have a fear of swimming you need to get into the water to overcome that fear in your life.

So, *dianoia* is the imagining part of you that sees picture. And *ennoia* is the sub-conscious part of your *dianoia* that locks all those things. And over here we have the *dialogismos* and *enthumesis*, the latter is the sub-conscious part of your *dialogismos*. There is some reasoning that has been locked inside us. Some people store away wrong conclusions in their *enthumesis*. Their opinions are not factual neither are they correct because their reasoning is wrong. But it gets locked into them and today it influences their action, their decisions and every thing else because of wrong reasoning. It's just like some people who have the wrong reasoning that God sends sicknesses. See they logically conclude by a superficial reading of the scriptures that God sends sickness. So, in their reasoning they accept it. Or in their reasoning, they accept that the devil is strong and powerful and they accept that they have no authority over the devil. They somehow reason themselves into it. Straightaway, they are put into bondage too. A wrong reasoning can cause us to be in bondage.

It's just like John Osteen's sister. He was sharing how one day he was driving in a certain direction and God spoke to him to go to his sister who was in a mental asylum. When he went there led by the Spirit he asked to see his sister. When his sister came the anointing of God came upon his life. The first word he said was, "Don't tell me God did this." And he commanded the enemy to loose a hold of her life and instantly she was freed. Today she is still all right. And this was the testimony. When John said that statement, "Don't tell me that God did this," she did not hear John's voice. She heard it as if it was a voice of God speaking. And for the first time she started doubting the reasoning, she had earlier. For the first time she did not accept the fact that this problem that she had is from God. And she questions the reasoning that she formerly had. The moment she came to the

conclusion somehow was when she heard that voice it was not God who did this to her. Imagine for all those many years she was left up in the asylum she thought that it was God who did that to her. Wrong reasoning can put people into bondage. So there is what I call the reasoning of your conscious mind that after some time it sinks into your sub-conscious and it's stored there. That is why we need the Word of God to renew us, to give us the right principles.

So this part that consist of your sub-conscious mind is made up of the *ennoia* and the *enthumesis*. And the *dianoia* and the *dialogismos* is your conscious mind.

There is another part of your mind that is generally called the *nous*. That's the part of your mind that relates to the natural or the spiritual realm. That part of you is the decision maker. Do you realize that your mind can make a decision? You could decide what to think. Right now, we could suddenly decide to think about a buffet lunch and all the food laid on a table and nicely decorated. We could make a decision and say right now imagine that we are in a cold country. There is a part of us that definitely makes a decision whether we tap into *dianoia* and then *ennoia* or we tap into *dialogismos* and then into *enthumesis*. That's your *nous*. Generally, *nous* is just translated as mind or understanding.

Now we are on the topic of growing in visions or developing visions. This is what happens. Every one of us is born with an ability to see into the spirit realm to a certain degree. But what the enemy has done is that man's *dianoia* in his fallen state is darkened (cf Ephesians 4:18). Man's *nous* is also darkened. As a result, man tries to develop his intellect based just on *dialogismos*. The I.Q. test is based on *dialogismos*. It doesn't test you on your ability to visualize. It just merely tests you on your ability to reach a conclusion from hints and facts and statements here and there. This world's education system tries to build a successful life from the logical point of view. The development of logic has become an important aspect of life in this world. But the rest the *dianoia* and *nous* are darkened. But today there is a success-orientated group that teaches how to visualize a successful image and program themselves for success. They are trying to tap into *dianoia*. But that's not in the regular school system.

So realizing that the *dianoia* and the *nous* are darkened, we can understand why men in their fallen state of being today have great difficulty looking into the spirit world and having visions. Some people may have a greater opening in this area than others. Like some scientist may develop on the area of the *dianoia* and the *ennoia* where they could reach a conclusion right on target with the very few facts available that others could not. They could reason deeper. Some artist could develop this part of *dianoia* and *ennoia* more than others. Some people are more akin to lean on their *dianoia* than on their *dialogismos*.

Now the enemy and the devil is attacking the *nous* and through the *nous* preventing people from seeing into the spirit realm. Now lets bring in two extra Greek words. Turn to the book of II Corinthians 3:14 *But their minds (noema) were hardened; for to this day, when they read the old covenant, that same veil remains unlifted, because only through Christ is it taken away.* Then chapter 4:4 *In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds (noema) of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the likeness of God.* What is the enemy doing? The enemy is blocking the *noema* from the light of Jesus Christ so that the light of Jesus Christ cannot shine through and touch the person.

There are different degrees of what I call the entrance of spiritual light into our souls and our spirits that is our hearts. According to the degree of the spiritual light, you develop the ability to see visions - some in a small degree and some in a larger degree. We need this understanding in order to move into the realm of developing visions in our life. Remember Ephesians 1:18 Paul prayed that God would give them the spirit of wisdom and revelation that their *dianoia* will be flooded with light. So, on the one hand we see the devil trying to block light from going in and preventing people from moving into that realm of seeing visions.

Now seeing vision is primary in the development of *nous*, *dianoia* and *ennoia*. The development of the other area of *dialogismos* and *enthumesis* involves the renewal of the mind but we are talking about visualizing here. With that let us go to Luke 24:32 *They said to one another, "Did not our hearts burn within us while He talked to us on the road, while He opened to us the scriptures?"* The word *opened* in verse 32 is the word *dianoigo* - while He *dianoigo* to us the scriptures. That's a powerful word here

that Luke chooses to use. In Luke chapter 24:32 he mentioned that He opened the scriptures to them. Then verse 31 *And their eyes were opened (dianoigo) and they recognized Him.* The two disciples were walking with Jesus and they did not know it was Jesus. They saw Him physically but they could not recognize Him. Some thing was blocking them from seeing Him. But when they were in that room some thing opened and they saw Him for who He was. They saw in that spirit realm and they recognized it was the Lord and then He disappeared. He is telling us some thing about how God can open us to the spirit world to see visions.

Two more scriptures in the same chapter. Luke 24:45 *Then He opened (dianoigo) their minds (nous) to understand the scriptures.* He *dianoigo* their *nous*. Remember earlier you read in II Cor. 3 what the devil is doing to your *noema* and *nous*. He is blinding it. He is preventing light from coming to you. But what is the Lord doing? He is opening it. He is opening the *nous* so that the light can go through your *nous* to your *dianoia*. When Paul prayed for their *dianoia* to be flooded with light, it has to flow through the proper channel. The aperture of your spiritual camera is your *nous*.

The aperture is a part of the camera that opens and exposes the film to light. It opens and closes very fast. According to the speed and the length of time it's opened, it allows light to go through. So when there is a very low light, the aperture is opened for a longer period. Our normal camera will find it very difficult to take a picture of a person running. All you see is blur. But what makes some cameras able to take a picture of an object traveling fast like a bullet going through the air is the split second that it allows the light in through the aperture. You can't possibly take a picture of a bullet going through the air with a normal camera. But yet, they have developed cameras that could photograph a bullet moving. How is that possible? There must be sufficient light and then the speed of the opening and closing must be fast and quick so that only the stationery picture of that bullet enters the aperture before it quickly closes up. The rest of the motion of the bullet is not allowed to come in otherwise it blur the whole film.

So we see here using illustration from the natural that an important part to visualizing is also in our conscious mind our *nous*. Whether it's blinded or it's opened depends on the great part on our decision too. But it also depends on the

Lord. So let's lay some ground work and principles right now with all these conclusions.

Firstly, in order to see and develop the ability to see visions we must increase our openness inside us. That is we need the Lord to open our *nous*. Luke 24:45 you have scripture and verse for it. Apparently, the Lord did some thing to them. We know of course that ties up to the born again experience. The day you are born again God did some thing. God did a touch on your life. But remember this, this is only the beginning. What people failed to do is they failed to develop that further. See Jesus did some thing to them in Luke 24:45 He did something to their *nous*. He made their *nous* a little open. That openness seems to be necessary to see spiritual things and spiritual visions. The word *dianoigo* is the same word that is used in Acts 16:14 *One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshipper of God. The Lord opened her heart.* I Cor. 2:11 *For what person knows a man's thoughts except the spirit of the man which is in him? So also, no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit which is from God, that we might understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.* So apparently, there is a natural man that is blinded and there is a spiritual man that is enlightened. And your *nous* has an aperture where the light can go in and enlighten and flood your inner most being. So how well and how able you are able to see into the spirit realm depends on your opening of your *nous* by the Lord. That is the first determination. So firstly, it depends on the opening of our *nous* or the opening of our understanding to allow the Spirit to work.

Do you notice you could do that even in a meeting? You could come to a meeting with your heart and spirit closed up and you are not opened to what is taught. Or suppose that you go a meeting and you have heard some wrong things about the minister being a false prophet or false teacher or some wrong ways in him. And you already have a pre-conceived mind to reject his ministry. You have heard some rumor or slander without finding out the facts. By the time you come to his meetings, you are not looking for some thing to learn. You are looking for some thing to find fault. There is a part of you that is already closed up instead of being opened up. Now that affects your ability to move into the spirit realm. Now you take that a little further and see how in a meeting let's say in a prayer meeting or in a worship meeting to worship God for long hours. If your mind or *nous* is not

trained, you will normally reject any thing that the Lord tries to do. For the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God. And even if God tries to give you a vision, you would have rejected even that because your mind is only trained to receive the *dialogismos* type of ministry. You only allow just a word, line upon line, precept upon precept but you are not opening yourself to the revelation of God's Word through visions. The opening of your *nous* is partly the responsibility of the Lord and partly your decision and your free choice. Or when you come and you just hang loose. The Lord could begin to show things to you in the form of a vision that He never did before.

The second determination of the ability to see vision is the amount of light. You could have a lot of light but the opening of your *nous* will still determine how much light is received. Yet, at the same time you could have very little light around, you could open your *nous* to the fullest possible, and yet not much light gets through. So, the other determination is the amount of light, the intensity and the degree of light that is available. And that would determine the vision that you are able to see. That is why some times in a meeting, in a praise and worship service, in a place where God's presence is strong, do you know it's easier to move into vision than when you are out there doing your accounting work. See there are certain places that you find it easier to develop and see vision than before. If you have developed it any place, any time you will know how to move into that. But if you have not developed it, there are certain places where it's easy to develop it than at other times where there is more intensity of spiritual light. So when we know this teaching the next time you get into a meeting where there is high intensity of light, or high intensity of worship or the Word, you open yourself to it and you learn to develop into that realm and you grow into that vision. And you could see into that realm by the permission of God. Things will begin to come to you even in the spirit realm while you are worshiping. It won't be some thing that you cook up or imagine. But it is some thing that is impressed upon your heart from the spirit realm. So, train yourself in that kind of meeting. That's the purpose of meetings like that. So that having trained yourselves then when you get back into the street, into the office or in your normal working life, you could learn to open yourself into the spirit realm and receive things from God. So there is an opening and how important the *nous* is for touching the *dianoia*, and the *ennoia* into that realm. For the opening of our *nous*, we need the Lord to touch us.

Another determination is the cleanliness of the lenses and the cleanliness of the nerves. Sometimes when people develop cataracts the light is still there but there are blockages. That is why we need the Word of God to cleanse us. Or sometimes everything is O.K. but the person lack nerve cells where the light reaches the inner part of the eyes. The nerve cells are missing so they are technically blind. Although the light and the image actually hit the back part of their eyes, they cannot perceive because there are no nerve cells. The wonderful thing is that there are spiritual nerve cells in our *nous* that see and catch pictures from the spirit realm. We are getting input from the spirit realm all the time. There are images that are coming from the spirit realm all the time.

So our ability to receive them depends on whether we are opened or closed. And of course, it also depends on the intensity of light - the greater the intensity of the spirit light the greater we can pick up from the spirit realm. The other third factor is that it depends on whether we have the spiritual nerve cells to pick it up. The wonderful news is that we can develop the spiritual nerve cells. We could grow into the spirit realm and develop our *dianoia* even when we have only developed our *dialogismos* and be a very logical person. I was that way before. I mean I am a very logical person, and I was fastidious about *line upon line, percept upon precept*. I never thought that the day would ever come that I could move into visions. I could never have thought the realm of visions could be my realm. I am not born with the ability to see visions all the time. I have to grow into that area and develop it. Believe me, from the time when I was a young Christian, I literally prayed to God, "Lord, I love to see visions." But it was later on by the grace of God I grew in the Word and God allowed me to see visions. And as I see the development, I realize this is not some thing that is special. This is a thing that every Christian can develop and grow in. That is why we are teaching on visions so that you could realize that is where it starts.

And the first place where it starts is in your *dianoia*. When the light floods your *dianoia*, you will begin to see pictures. Some of you are seeing pictures but it's blurring. You see the spirit realm and lets says right now close your eyes and visualize Jesus. Some of you will ask how to visualize Jesus? What does He look like? Some of you are having that difficulty. Some of you when you close your eyes all you see is a bright light. Do you realize that for some of us it's very blur? Do you know that in the natural world when a child is born, that little baby cannot focus

the eyes very properly yet? But as the baby grows and develop then the eyes begin to focus. So, in the first few weeks of the baby's life, the baby depends a lot on sound. But through time as the baby's eyes develop to focus properly it can go by sight and recognition. In the same way when we all were new Christians, new born babes in Christ, most of us went by hearing. The problem is that many Christians go by hearing all their life. Can you imagine a little baby growing up never seeing the father and mother? Perfect eyes but refuse to develop. And every time he says, "That's the voice of my papa. That's the voice of my mama." If there is a defect that is understandable but if there is a potential to develop and it's not, then something has gone seriously wrong. Think about the spiritual world - we got to grow into that. It's not going to come automatically.

Sometimes we don't grow and develop our *dianoia* because we don't realize that we could do it. When our *dianoia* is slowly developing, we begin to see spiritual things and spiritual visions. What I am teaching has nothing to do with what we call the gift of discerning of spirits, which is a gift. That is a real gift of vision. Remember we differentiate between developing in the gift of prophesying, the ministry of prophesying and the gift of a prophet. In the same way, we got to differentiate between the normal Christian growth in the ability to perceive and see into the spirit world and from the gift of discerning of spirit, which is a gift from God and from a ministry that can develop into that area. If you are going to confuse that then what we teach will not be applicable. You could take it and say that I am teaching that everybody can be a prophet and that is wrong. I am not teaching that. That is the gift and callings of God. We differentiate between the office of a prophet, the ministry of prophesying, the gift of prophecy and the normal ability to learn to prophesy. I Cor. 14 say you all may prophesy one by one that all may learn. So, in the same way there are different categories of visions. There is a realm where some people are born and bred with that gift. If you are called to be a prophet from the time you are born, you may see a vision. That's different and I am not talking about that. Not everybody has that office of a prophet.

Now we are focusing on some areas where the believers can develop in. It's a part and parcel of us since we all have the *dianoia* with its inherent visualizing ability to see the things of God. We can be developed that as we learn to open ourselves and learn to recognize the intensity of light where we could focus on. It's just like if there is darkness right now in this place, it takes a different training to recognize

objects. There are different degrees of spiritual light that can affect your inherent ability to see and your spiritual development.