



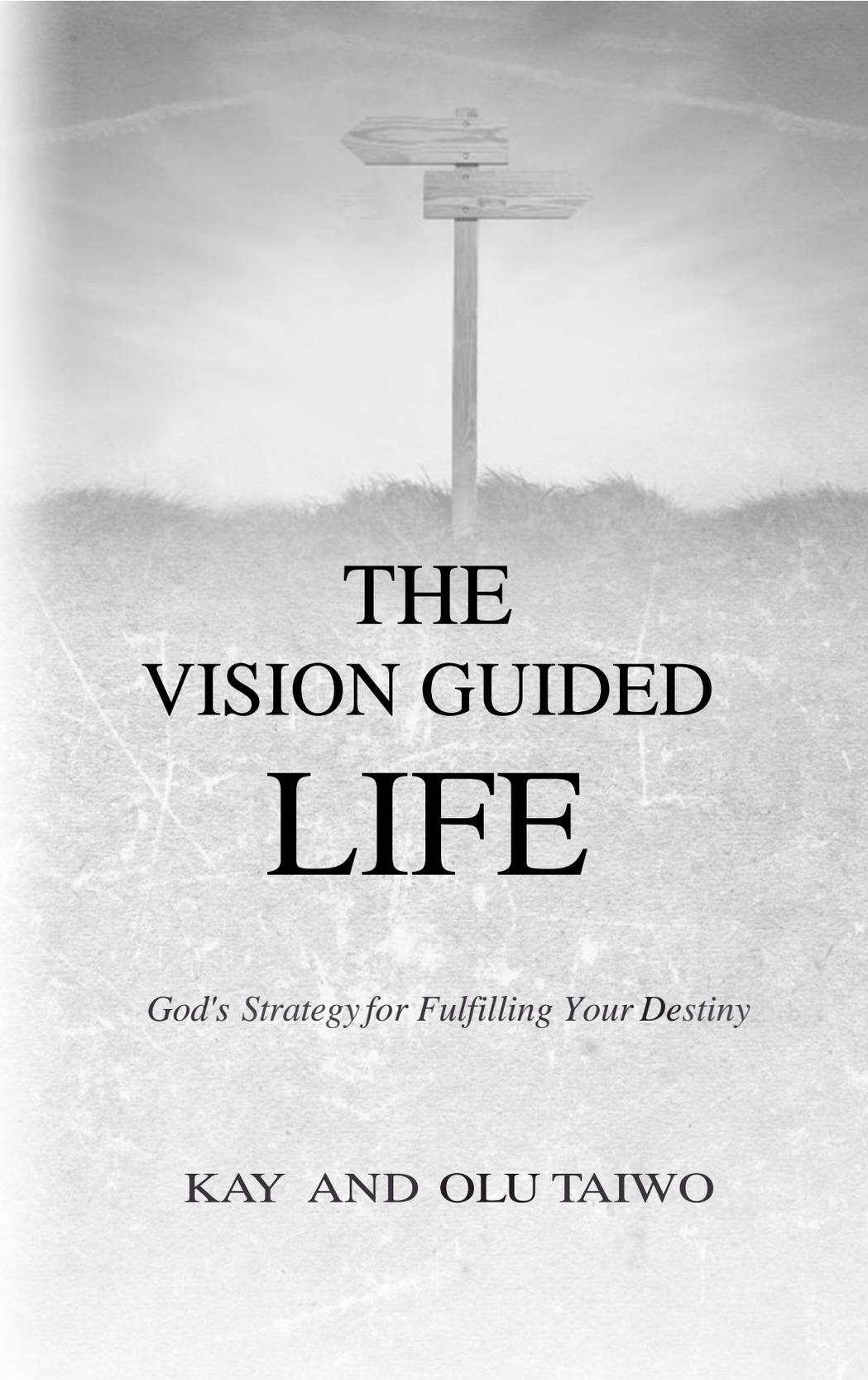
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Introduction

The vivid need for this book became apparent on our trip to South Africa and Zimbabwe some years ago. In South Africa, we conducted meetings in Johannesburg, Cape Town, and Durban.

While speaking at a packed conference in the beautiful city of Johannesburg we conducted a session on the subject of vision. After the meeting, the response was remarkable; particularly from the leaders present. In the audience was the Secretary General of the Assemblies of God. He said to us very emphatically, “what was shared here needs to be heard by those in government.”

The importance of the subject of vision applies to the individual, family, business, Church, and a nation.

Its importance becomes obvious where it is lacking. It is the nature of vision to restore what was destroyed or damaged.

In the book of beginnings, Genesis, chapter 1, the first scenario is one of chaos. The Bible tells us that the earth was void and without form. Then God began to move in the situation, and He transformed it. That’s the nature of God – to correct by putting things back in order.

The whole earth is crying for the manifestation of the sons of God. But the question is, will the sons and daughters of God take their place and align with His purpose to see the Kingdom of God expanded?

Africa is not a poor continent. It is a very rich continent. In fact, arguably, Africa is richer in natural resources than many of the so-called first world nations. However, there has been gross mismanagement in many cases, because leaders without vision are ruling. The Bible says that when the blind lead the blind, both will fall into a ditch (Matthew 15:14). It is time for men and women with divine insight to take their place and be the change agents the world is desperately looking for.

Destiny Zone

What is the “destiny zone”? The “destiny zone” is where your God-given vision, identity, and purpose are perfectly synchronized with one another. In fact, we conduct what we term, ‘VIP Seminars.’ The acronym VIP stands for: Vision, Identity and Purpose. These seminars effectively show how these three subjects connect with each other.



In this diagram, notice what completes the cycle: We have vision, identity, and purpose.

As a ministry, this is what we key on; that is, to extend the Kingdom of God to individuals by helping the Body of Christ realize that each person possesses a God-given vision to positively impact his or her world. This vision aligned with who we are in Christ helps us to fulfill our purpose on this planet.

In other words, when I have a clear mandate from God, I see clearly from His vantage point. When I understand who I am in the context of His

purpose, there is a synergy that takes place. The cycle is complete.

Outside the Destiny Zone

But now, let's look at what happens outside of the destiny zone cycle. What happens when I'm not within the scope of God's vision for my life, when I haven't fully grasped who I am in relation to that vision, and when I have a lack of purpose?

There is a sense of depression and deep dissatisfaction. Outside the destiny zone, life becomes a series of experiments. It is amazing that even in the church, far too many people live outside of the destiny zone.

Many years ago we received a letter from London, England. The writer was a lady who read our book, *Uncovering the Hidden Stranger Within: Answering the Question of Identity*. Below is an excerpt of the letter:

Your book put all my spiritual anxieties into perspective. Due to the enormous suffering, rejection, condemnation, and ridicule I encountered, I was a little dizzy by what was actually happening to me. But 1 Peter 4:12 explains it, and your book has illuminated everything for me. I can now start to enjoy my walk in the Lord with security and confidence.

When you don't know your purpose, there's a lack of direction and you waste a lot of time. When purpose is not known, a person either becomes complacent about life or pursues an unhealthy obsession. Notice this woman's words: "I can now start to enjoy my walk in the Lord with security and confidence." Let's put this in context, using the following illustration:

“When purpose is not known, a person either becomes complacent about life or pursues an unhealthy obsession.”

If you are listening to a message on a CD, the phone rings, or someone comes to your door, you put the message on pause to attend to the phone or to respond to the person at the door. This means that your knowledge of the contents of the CD was paused, and you do not know the beneficial instruction that follows. The only way to get the required information is to go back to the device and click on play. In the context of life, for many this ‘interruption’ could last ten seconds or ten years. Some have last ‘played out’ their purpose decades ago and have been living perpetually in ‘pause’ mode ever since. Tragic indeed.

In some subtle sense, in life many of us start our journey on track, but because of the distractions that we are faced with, “life” is put on pause as we attend to other things. It is only when we realign ourselves to our God-given destiny and obtain the next instruction that God has for us that we go to the next level.

How can we assess if we are doing well or not if we are not getting the instruction or having a clear sense of direction? That is where vision comes in. Vision is seeing what God wants us to do in the big picture and taking steps towards making that picture a reality.

For instance, when God spoke to Moses, He told him that he was going to set His people free and take them to a promised land. However, in going through that process, Moses had to become what God wanted him to be. He had to be focused. He had to know God’s plan clearly so that when he faced resistance from Pharaoh, he could still maintain his sense of direction. He held on because he had a clear sense of direction.

The lady who wrote us concluded, “I can now start to enjoy my walk in the Lord with security and confidence.” Think about this statement.

In your own personal life, are you moving in God’s direction for your life; or is your life in a state of perpetual pause? That’s an important question

to answer. Our prayer is that your questions will be answered in this book, *The Vision Guided Life*.