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This book in dedicated to all of my students who through their desire for deeper truths have pushed me to retrieve revelations and insights to meet their demand for more enlightenment. Over the years I have had the privilege and opportunity to teach diverse levels of understanding. Each encounter brought levels of interpretation of the needs of my students and their need propelled me to a place where what they needed. I had a pursuit to acquire. To each and every one of them I say thank you.

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It is my desire that as many as receive insight, encouragement, enlightenment and revelation from the words of this book, become a teacher of that which has inspired them.

"Whosoever shall do and teach others the understanding of the commandments of the Lord shall be called great in the Kingdom of Heaven." Matthew 5:19

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Introduction

In my endeavor to understand, discern and make sense of many changes my life has encountered, I discovered that the ability to see things as they really are, is of great comfort to my spirit when change is happening in my life. I have spent countless hours trying to figure out why certain things occurred in my life that I was unaware of, things I didn't understand, things I never expected and things I wasn't prepared for. The lingering questions of why, and my lack of understanding prophetic insight caused me great torment, almost to the point of halting my progress and momentum to move forward in my life. It was these looming questions that set me on a quest to discover what I possibly missed as visual cues, the insight to my understanding.

There is an innate inquisitive nature that always leaves one feeling unsettled whenever things happen that seemingly have no warning or reason. Ever since I was a child, I've always wondered on the whys of life. I remember one of my elementary teachers telling my mother, you just can't tell Norma the sky is blue, she wants to know why. A proclivity to discern has always been a part of me. I now understand that the search for truth and understanding is associated with my gift and anointing. God designed me that way for purpose; to give me a compass in my spirit to direct and guide me. However, there were many times in my life when the questions consumed me and the answers eluded me. It wasn't until I was so blindsided by circumstances and the complexities of my life that the desire to see compelled me to press beyond my inability and into my created ability to see spiritually what I often missed naturally. I understood in what seemed to be my inability to see, that I needed to press into the ability to probe the realm of the spirit and retrieve what is necessary to see, necessary to know, necessary to have acceptance of what has happened and is happening in my life in order to gain peace, joy, happiness and success in my life. I want to share with you truths, revelations and insights that have enhanced my life and ministry, insights that have brought much clarity to my mind as it relates to the why's of life. I trust that you too will be inspired to probe your visual ability and see what there is for you to know and understand.

When you have always possessed sight ability, most often you cannot fully understand the gift that sight truly is and how one's life in enhanced by the ability to see. Most often we take sight ability for granted. We take little notice of the various hues of color and visual cues around us every day. Even our ability to balance ourselves and our depth perception are functions accomplished through our sight abilities. Unless one has had the experience of losing sight temporarily and then having it restored you may never know truly the value of sight ability. I understand this spiritually as well. Many Christians take for granted the spiritual sight that our relationship with Jesus Christ affords us. We live our lives without much thought as to what we see and how to interpret what we see. In this book I'll share apostolic insights and thoughts about spiritual vision perhaps in a way that you have not thought of sight before. God revealed these insights and perspective to me and I feel pressed to share these truths with you.

I will stand upon my watch, and set me upon the tower, and will watch to see what He will say unto me, and what I shall answer when I am reproved.

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The ability to see spiritually I believe is directly tied to one's ability to hear spiritually, unlike the function of the human anatomy where one may possess 20/20 vision and yet have no hearing or audible capabilities at all. The inability to hear physically will not affect one's ability to see visually. But spiritually; an inability to hear spiritually will affect your ability to see spiritually. Habakkuk 2:1 interpreted relays to us, "I will stay in position and look, until I see what I hear God saying." See what I hear God say. It takes understanding that the two are tied together. The fact that they work in conjunction, one with the other, is key to enhanced spiritual vision. I believe in order to have mature spiritual insight one must understand, that the ability to hear spiritually enhances the ability to see spiritually. The ability to hear with all spiritual intuition helps us to discern, see and interpret the vision; what it is exactly that the Lord is saying or revealing to us.

I've worn glasses all of my life, as far back as I can remember. I hated it a lot during my youth and I can remember refusing to wear my glasses

as a young person because I thought it was not normal and as a young person in elementary school you're not thinking about seeing, you just want to be seen like everybody else. I wanted to be able to play and ride my bike without needing the aide of glasses. I remember the day that I discovered that glasses were a very necessary part of my life. It wasn't in school squinting to see the chalkboard. I had discovered that I could manipulate my cornea at a very early age and I could clear up the blurred vision of what I was looking at if I tweaked my eye just right. It wasn't through all of that squinting and adjusting my eye sockets that made me appreciate glasses. It was one day while playing outside with some friends. We were riding our bikes and I decided to take my glasses off. I was a vain little girl and glasses back then were not pretty at all, they were just functional, mechanically fashioned glass and plastic that's all. Anyway, I took my glasses off because I wanted to be like the other kids in the neighborhood riding without glasses. So I took them off and proceeded to ride my bike. I knew I would see things blurry but I was willing to take the risk of not really being able to see clearly just to be able to be seen doing what all the other kids did without wearing glasses, simple right? I started to pedal the bike and things went fine at first, I could see my bike and the handle bars and everything immediately around me alright, that's because I am near sighted, but when I looked up from my bike pedals and started to ride my bike forward, I was shocked at the fact that I could not see. Nothing looked familiar. Everything that I knew to be familiar now looked faded, disoriented and unfamiliar. I got really scared. I was riding my bike and had no time to reach into my pocket and pull my glasses back out. Suddenly, I could not hold my balance although I was trying very hard to. I kept trying to pedal and talk myself through this disorientation, but I couldn't. I couldn't see where I was going. I ended up banging into a parked car on the street while the rest of the kids I was riding with were oblivious to my plight. I then realized I could not do this without the aid of my glasses. Funny but that was the day I realized that I needed my glasses more than I hated wearing them. It was not the numerous visits to the optometrist that convinced me I needed glasses, nor the repeated insistence of my parents that I must wear them, nor was it my tricks of manipulating my cornea that convinced me that I need the aide of glasses to see what I needed to see to function. It was that day trying to ride my bike without glasses and banging into some poor guy's car, denting the car and my bike and my knee that let me know if you want to do this without injury, you are

going to have to add glasses to your life in order to see what you're doing in your life. Glasses became a necessary tool for me to function without injury and manipulating tricks to see what I needed to see. Interesting I had not thought much about that day until today as I write this book. I guess that reality has always been a part of me and now as God releases me to write this book I understand why a little better. From that day to this, I understand my need for enhancement optically. I understand that without correcting my vision my functionality is limited. It is not even a second thought to put my contacts in now. In fact I often forget to take them out. But I accepted my need for optical enhancement in order to properly function in my life. Since that time not only have I accepted my need for glasses and their enhancement of my life but I have discovered 40 visual perspectives that I feel will benefit you once you learn their benefit. So here are the 40 ways I've discovered that will help you see, understand, discern and gain insight into things in your life. These keys will aid you to process swifter and function with greater clarity in your life as you pursue your vision.

Microscopic Vision

The spiritual ability to see things otherwise undetected and unnoticed by the untrained or unaided eye.

God revealed to me the need to see the things within a thing and the only way to see them is to view them microscopically. A microscope gives us the ability to look at and into things to discern and know what they are made of. It's a tool most often only used by scientists and doctors to see what is within a thing; to see its components. To see what cannot be seen by natural eye observations. A microscope uses lenses and a light to probe beyond what the natural eye can detect. There is this same need spiritually; the ability to see what cannot be seen with the natural unaided eye. There are times in our life and walk in this world when it is imperative that we see beyond what is presented. We need a more defined understanding of what it is that we are really looking at. What is it made of? When one looks through a microscope, things that you are viewing do not look the same under the microscope; they look much different, most often totally different. Often the thing under the microscope looks weird and foreign, even alien-like if you will. It is so vastly different than what is seen by the natural eye. I remember seeing my own blood under the microscope for the first time in one of my biology classes in high school. Just looking at the various components that are a part of my blood was strange. I saw elements moving around that were very strange and unfamiliar to me. I understood that blood is not just the red liquid that runs through our body that keeps us alive, but it has many vital components that are essential for growth, development and health; giving life of the body. To the natural eye, blood is the red liquid that comes out if injured or wounded. But beneath the microscopic vision many things can be detected and understood. Diseases can be discovered, antibodies can be explored, genetic makeup is explored and so much more, but these can only be seen microscopically. There are times when we need to explore a thing spiritually, microscopically. Possessing the ability through the Spirit of God to look beyond what one can see naturally, to look and see what a situation is made of is priceless to our understanding of how to proceed in situations. To see the spiritual genetic makeup of a particular situation is an invaluable asset in my life. This is extremely helpful in making decisions about what to keep, throw away or allow existing in my life. When I know what a thing is and what is within that thing, it helps me to know what to do beyond a face value evaluation. One of the key elements of a microscope is the light. In order for a microscope to work properly it must have a light and you must turn the light on. I see this so clearly when trying to discern the components of events and situations and things in my life. If I really what to know what a thing is in my life I must pull it in closer and put the light of God on it. It is there,

through the lens of the Holy Spirit and the light of God that I can discover and see in greater discernment and detail, what a thing really is. This helps me to properly discern what I am experiencing and what I am facing. It helps me to make a qualified decision not just one based on surface value only. Some things need a closer look in order to appreciate their value and worth or the lack thereof.

Be encouraged to put some things under the spiritual microscope to see what they're really made of. See if it's really what you think it is. Look to see if there is anything of value within what I am seeing naturally. Perhaps once you see microscopically you can really see what the problem may be and fix that component. Seeing exactly what needs repairing and repairing that, can change the very appearance of what is really seen. Take a microscopic view of some things in your life and see if viewing them from that perspective will give you some insight into what the thing you are looking at really is made of and make your adjustments based on that rather than on just surface visualizations only.

Telescopic Vision

The spiritual ability to make distant objects nearer by changing one's focus.

There are times in our lives when we can't accurately see what God is saying to us or showing us. It may be because what God is revealing is so far removed from what we see naturally that it makes comprehension challenging. It is not because we don't realize God has spoken or revealed something to us, it's just, at the moment we cannot see it, because it seems so far away. It's in these times that we need to employ telescopic spiritual ability to see the vision more clearly. It is this enhanced ability that will enable us to see what is at a distance by adding the spirit's ability to change our focus and see what is beyond our human ability.

Making this adjustment often takes an effort to allow the spirit the control over our focus. It is a matter of adjusting to relinquish what, where, and upon whom we think we need to focus. Taking the emphasis off of the immediate, the present, and the now. We can do this by pressing into the realm of the spirit and getting quietly acquainted with what is going on in us and what it is that God has brought into your view, that thing that is future. Taking the time necessary to hone in on the particulars of that vision by looking intently introspectively to view what can be observed even if it is distant. The spirit has the ability to bring distant things into perfect focus as if it was right in front of you, like a telescope. You can bring your vision from a background perspective to an up close and personal foreground view.

There have been several times in my life and even now, when God has spoken things to me that are in my future and beyond my natural ability to see those distant things clearly. It is at those times that I employ the spirit's ability to telescopically bring into focus those things that are far away. When I can see what is beyond me it gives me hope and a definition of what God is saying. This adds to my faith and belief in what is to come. The only way to do this is to change one's focus; to use the spirit's ability to look forward and beyond what is immediate.

The spirit knows how to adjust your focus to see what is beyond your now. When you can see what is beyond you, it adds to your confidence in what God is saying to you. This gives substance to what you are hoping for. It gives you a target for your aspirations about what you hear God saying. When you are in expectation of some future thing that God is showing you and you are having difficulty seeing it, go into the realm of the spirit and ask for the spiritual ability to see telescopically; that is possessing the ability visually to see

what is beyond you. You will be amazed how clearly you can see what is beyond your right now, when you apply spiritual telescopic vision. You will have the spiritual ability to discern with more clarity what the approaching future is, you can pinpoint aspects of the vision that you previously could not identify. As God brings this telescopic view into focus you can see more accurately and gain hope and insight, this helps you to prepare for what is destined to be a part of your future.

It is important to make the adjustments needed to see beyond your now. I encourage you to use the spirit's ability and gather the information that God is showing you in order that you can prepare and be aware of what is prepared for you. God wants you to see it, to clearly identify it and be encouraged by what you see even those things at a distance.

This ability will help you in many ways. I am sure that you can comprehend the value of being able to see even at great distances. This is by no means a fail-safe ability. Employing this ability will not keep you from experiencing hurt, loss, pain or suffering, but it will help you to be aware of them and keep you alert in the spirit about what God is showing you concerning what is to come. Keep in mind that the Father does not nor will He ever show us everything. But the ability to see spiritually telescopically helps us not to be caught off guard, nor inadequately prepared for the future.

Stethoscopic Ability

The spirits ability to hear a sound from deep within in order to detect a present condition.

This is one of my favorite abilities and gifts from the spirit realm that has given me aid for many years; the ability to hear from deep within a thing. When we press in spiritually and use the spirit's aide, we can hear what cannot be heard naturally or unaided. Just as a doctor uses a stethoscope to listen to the functions within the human anatomy: our heart and lungs, even so, at times in our lives we need to listen with intent spiritual ability to what is going on inside of us. By using this ability we can hear irregularities or detect things that may be affecting us without our knowledge. When we employ a Stethoscopic view or approach, we can detect and receive information about situations that can alert us to dangerous conditions that may be averted if detected early. This spiritual Stethoscopic view also helps us to understand shifts and changes that are occurring. Things that are changing for our benefit. And unless we are aware of them, in advance, we may misinterpret situations in our life. Stethoscopic ability helps us to hear deeper that we may detect and have knowledge of what may be just beneath the surface yet beyond our natural comprehension.

In the Revelation of Jesus Christ to John we are reminded seven times, "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the spirit is saying to the church." However sometimes because of much activity in our life and our constant pace to keep life's agendas, we cannot hear what the spirit is saying even though we know the spirit is speaking. It is essential that we apply the tools of the spirit. Enabling us to hear what is going on beneath or inside of the situations we face. Sometimes because of life's activities and the noise of everyday we cannot hear what we need to hear, what is going on inside us and inside of the situations around us. We miss the sounds of trouble; the sounds of irregularities, the sounds of change, and the sounds that go undetected and unnoticed. We need to periodically hear what is going on and really listen for what the spirit is attempting to reveal to us for our benefit.

Allowing the spirit of God to do this requires getting in a place of quietness to listen intently. You must allow the spirit of God to pull you up close to listen to what God is speaking or has been speaking. There are things He desires you to know that will help you deal with your life and it's complexities. Stethoscopic ability helps you know and hear what you cannot hear ordinarily. The prophet said, I listen for God in the wind but He was not heard in the wind. He listened for God in the earth as it quaked, but did not hear God in the earth's quake. He listened for God in the fire, but heard not the voice of

God in the fire. His final resolve was that he heard the voice of God in quietness.

It is often in the silencing of all other things that we can employ what I believe to be a major asset to the believer; the ability to hear the still small voice of God. I know many look for and listen for the big booming voice of God that identifiably we all expect to recognize, even the unbeliever has that expectation. However, it is often with a finite Stethoscopic ability that we can hear what the spirit has been assigned to convey to us. We must position ourselves to hear deeper—deeper inside our-self and deeper inside the spirit realm. When doing so we can discover hidden answers, solutions and remedies that had you not listened deeper you might have missed.

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