

Evaluating A Vision

“A vision is a clear, challenging picture of the future of the classis as you believe it can and must be.” (Malphurs)

A vision contains **six** elements:

1. It is **clear**
People cannot act on something they don't understand; they have to know what it is and understand it.
2. It is **challenging**
It should excite and give birth to ministry; it should pull people out of their seats and into the street.
3. It is a **picture**
It is the photo you carry around in your mental wallet; the picture of the future you believe God is going to create.
4. It is the **future** of the classis
It pictures the end at the beginning; it bridges the past to the future. It changes the orientation of the classis from what it was to what it can be.
5. It **can** be
It sees something that is not yet but is possible; it is constructed on reality.
6. It **must** be
It creates urgency; it grabs and will not let go.

Using the above descriptions, evaluate your vision statement. Edit and revise your statement until you can answer “yes” to the following questions:

- Is it clear?
- Do I understand it?
- Is it clear to me?
- Will it be clear to others?
- Is it challenging?
- Does it challenge me? If so, will it challenge others?
- What's the emotional response to this vision statement when it is presented?
- Is the dream visual?
- Does it create mental pictures of the future of the ministry?
- Do I believe this vision can be realized?
- Is it feasible?
- Am I convinced that it must be?