

# DISCOVERY Creating a Vision

Creating a big, bold vision is one of the first step in forming your ideal future!

To get you in the best frame of mind for visioning, prepare by:

- Get inspired! Inc Magazine wrote a great article about creating a vision statement. Here are a few of the key points for you to keep top of mind as you follow this process:
  - A vision, quite simply, is a picture of what success will be at a particular time in the future.
  - A great vision is inspiring. It gets you and everyone in the organization excited
  - To be clear, a vision is not a strategic plan. The vision articulates where we are going; the plan tells us how we're going to get there.
  - A vision also makes it much easier to handle the strategic opportunities that present themselves every day and quickly skip those that don't fit.
  - If you'd like to read the entire article: <http://www.inc.com/magazine/20110201/creating-a-company-vision.html>
- Get ready! Close anything distracting such as your phone or email, then take a deep breath. Allow yourself to imagine the highest and best for your life, then begin answering the questions.

Here are 6 important questions to answer that will lead you to a bigger, more effective vision.

1. What is the biggest possible version you can imagine for yourself? For example, "I am making a difference in my community by serving the needs of those living with poverty and homelessness. I open my arms to those in need."

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2. What are some of my underutilized assets, strengths, and capacities that could be better engaged?

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*True Story:*  
*During a particularly difficult period of financial troubles, I created the affirmation, "I live life with joy and ease." Though it was a long way from the truth on that day, it became a reality as I kept my heart and mind focused on joy and ease.*

3. I once read about a person that did, used, OR overcame \_\_\_\_\_. I wonder how that could work for me. Describe:

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4. One day, I will be \_\_\_\_\_. Eg: One day I will be hosting small business leaders' circles as they work to support unmet needs in the community. Fill in the blanks.

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5. What work have you done in the past on a vision statement or perhaps a vision board? How did that work for you? Were you inspired to action, or did the initial burst of energy languish and get lost in the daily duties of life?

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6. What is one idea you've had that you've hoped to implement but haven't felt ready for or were afraid to try? For example, take a course to learn a new and marketable skill. Or, move to a new city where your history can't hold you back?

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*True Story:*  
*"Playing the Transformation Game unlocked my perspective and uncovered hidden roadblocks. Now I'm ready to revisit my vision and affirm new ideals."*

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Thanks,

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