

## The Budget is the mission

foreseen,  
preplanned,  
stated,  
agreed,  
published  
and executed

Foresight  
Analysis  
Communication  
Politics  
Management

A mark of leaders....

they point to  
the direction  
to go.

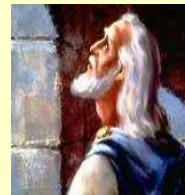
**FORESIGHT  
is the LEAD  
leaders have**

## LEADERS HEAD TOWARD

People  
Directed  
Objectives



## The Prophets of Israel



Informed analysis of the  
political scene.

They knew the character  
and ways of God's dealing.

They acted as God's messenger

Foresight is the inspired prophetic gift.....

## Prophet's are simultaneously

Analysts  
Who break down  
the problem into  
parts, but sees  
the whole

Historians  
Who apply  
experience  
to the  
present

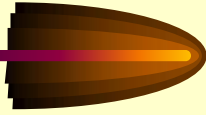
Futurists  
Who perceive  
the future  
latent in the  
present.

Random predictions are not part of the repertoire.

## Spiritual nature of prophetic gift

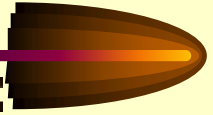
Warn of impending judgment / **danger**  
Call for covenant commitment / **mission**  
Offer **hope** where others see despair  
Has a wide span of **awareness**  
Integrates diverse inputs and  
perceptions **intuitively**

## Developing the mindset of foresight



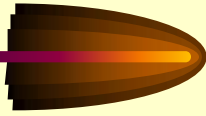
Develop an orientation toward the future  
Assess things in terms of their potential  
Seek opportunities  
Gather information, data and impressions

## Developing the Mind of foresight



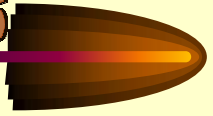
Discriminate toward the relevant  
Detect patterns  
Understand relationships  
Look for order  
Look for connections in the unrelated

## The skills of foresight



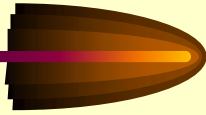
Creative thinking – imagine things that are not  
Suspect stereotypes – tradition is not guarantee  
Work backward from goal – project manage  
Build models – budgets, charts, pictures

## Change includes



Incremental improvement,  
Adapt,  
Simplify,  
Economize,  
Discover,  
Exploit opportunities,  
Solve problems, Invent

## Inspiration comes by

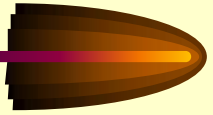


Flash of insight,  
Emergent thought,  
Developed discussion,  
Tentative conclusions.

A combination of personal,  
human and divine wisdom.

JAMES 1:5

## What can be foreseen ?



Some cost escalation  
Building maintenance  
New church requirements  
Training requirements  
Growth of youth  
Evangelistic programs  
Departmental events



# **Foresight for Pastors**



Pastoral Strategy requires foresight.  
Take hold of the envisioning process.  
Project the vision with enthusiasm.  
Connect the budget and the vision.  
Validate spending with the vision.

# **Benefits of Foresight**



Foresight makes one proactive.  
Foresight empowers the team.  
Foresight brings answers to prayer!

# **Proverbs 22:3**



A prudent man  
foresees evil,  
and hides himself:  
but the simple pass  
on and are punished.