

THE BIGGEST THING IN YOUR LIFE

Progressing In His Plan

Foundation Statement: What determines the progression that takes place in a person's life?

- I. **Promotion (be lifted up) and progression comes from the Lord; You don't promote yourself-You don't just decide that you more and step into more on your own because more comes from him-More assignment, more anointing comes from him-Psalm 75:6**
- II. **Faithfulness (Trustworthy, Reliable, Shown yourself faithful in executing commands) is the avenue by which 1 gets promoted to the next step**
 - A. Faithfulness has to do with, "Have you PROVEN YOURSELF WORTHY of my trust?" – Can God count on you to do what He said?
 - B. Trust is the one thing the believer has to earn from the Lord by what they do; You earn it, you prove yourself WORTHY of trust-God doesn't give trust out by grace, He doesn't ignore what you do and trust you anyway
 - C. Few things God can say to a believer more precious than "I trust you" Everybody hears "I love you" NOT EVERYBODY hears, "I trust you"
 - D. 2 Timothy 2:1-2-Don't trust a man with precious things who isn't faithful – Assignment and anointing are precious and God will not entrust that to somebody who is not trustworthy
- III. **When faithfulness is not demonstrated progression in God's plan stops-Why would God add more to you when you have proven you can't be trusted with what you do have-Luke 16:10-12**
 - A. You are telling God right whether or not He should give you more by how you are treating what He's given to you-By not doing what God told you to do on this step you've proven you can't be trusted with the next
 1. Whenever you stop proving yourself worthy to be trusted you will stop being trusted – Why would God give you more when you have proven yourself untrustworthy with less
 2. Even though promotion does come from the Lord YOU determine whether or not you get promoted
 - B. *Do you want to be used more/greater? Wrong question; Do you want to go through the rigors of the proving process? This process where you PROVE yourself trust-worthy-Everybody says they want to be used more but not everybody is willing to be faithful-Prov20:6*
- IV. **So much of discovering the plan of God is found in your faithfulness with the step you are on; Why would God need to reveal more steps to you when you are unwilling to be faithful with the step in front of you-(2 Chronicle's 20:15-17)**

- A. It's not hard to hear the plan of God for your life, but it does require faithfulness and many find it so hard to discover the plan of God because they're trying to discover it without being faithful to take the step in front of them
 - 1. It's not hard, but it's not all at once and you can't ignore the step your on and hear the next step
- B. The discovering of God's plan does not come through just prayer & fasting it comes from being faithful with what He's given you to do

V. Luke 19:12-Every believer, no matter what stage of life, God has given you ability and assignment most are doing nothing with the ability and assignment God gave them, so there is no reason for God to give them anymore

- A. 13-He gave them 10 pounds – ABILITY; He said, Occupy till I come – ASSIGNMENT; He gave them ability and assignment
 - 1. 15-He expected to do something with the ability & assignment He gave them
- B. 15-He's examining what THEY DID with what HE GAVE them to DETERMINE who's going to get PROMOTED
 - 1. He's going to get this kingdom and he's going to have all this territory that needs to be ruled over and he can't do it all by himself so he's going to give the very little lest to 10 of servants to discover who he should give rulership of these cities to by finding out who can be trusted – He's got promotion on his mind, but you don't just promote anybody – Only the faithful
 - 2. What did you do with what I put in your hand? (You showed up late, you weren't prepared, didn't pray, attitude was bad)
- C. 17-His faithfulness was key to his promotion-He proved himself worthy to be trusted with more by how he treated what was given to him
 - 1. BECAUSE you have been faithful – Not because you're the oldest or you've been here the longest or you're the most talented; God can add talent to you, He can't add faithfulness to you
- D. 20-He had ability and assignment and he did NOTHING with it-He proved himself to be untrustworthy, unreliable, can't be counted on-You don't need more, won't get more ability & assignment when you do nothing with the ability & assignment God has given you
 - 1. 23-He's telling this guy the biggest mistake you made was that you did nothing; You could have done something
 - 2. Some are doing nothing with what God gave them because they are lazy (Mt25:26), afraid or because it's very little
 - 3. 24-Why take his ability from him? You don't need ability if you're not interested in assignment

VI. What's the key to progression in the plan of God, to promotion? Do what God told you to do with the step you are own prove yourself faithful, trustworthy, reliable and He will entrust you with more, He will put more into your hands