

VISION SERVICE 2024
Increase, Advance, Progress

I. God is about things increasing/advancing/progressing-Is9:7-Of the increase of his government (empire, rule) and peace there shall be no end-Ps115:14**-Shall increase you more and more, you and your children-**JUB**-Increase his blessing-**Co2:19**-The Head from which all the body by joints and bands having nourishment ministered and knit together increases with the increase of God**

His kingdom and the peace it procures is ever increasing, His blessing upon us is to increase, The Body of Christ is to increase

A. Increase is God's will-Staying the same, decrease is not-**2Pt3:18**-Grow in grace (**AC**-Undeserved favor, spiritual strength-**WE**-God's blessing), and in the knowledge of our Lord-**1Th4:1**-How ye ought to walk and to please God, so ye would abound more and more. ¹⁰And indeed ye do it...but we beseech you, brethren, that ye increase more and more-**2Th1:3**-Faith grows exceedingly-**Ep4:15**-May grow up (increase) into him in all things-**AC**-In every way and in all things-**Gn26:13**-The man waxed great, and went forward, and grew until he became very great-**Gn30:43**-Increased exceedingly...

Many despise small increases not realizing increase is progressive

B. Increase is progressive-Don't look for large jumps, look for progress-**2Co3:18-AM**-We all are progressively being transformed into His image from [one degree of] glory to [even more] glory, which comes from the Lord-**Pr4:18**-The path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth (glorious) more and more

C. God has more planned for you than what you're enjoying right now-The things of God don't peak or plateau and with God there's always more-**Ps115:12**-The Lord hath been mindful of us: he will bless us-**Jr29:11**-I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace-**Ep2:10-AC**

D. To think like God we must have a mentality of advancement/progress/increase
Hb10:38-If any draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him

When it comes to material gain you want to be cautious about this love for money and lack of contentment it can cause you big problems

E. Religion teaches a ditch of contentment-Never desire more, strive for more, just be content with what you have-**1Tm6:5**-Supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself.⁶But godliness with contentment is great gain (**NET**-Godliness combined with contentment brings great profit-1Ki3,Ps112).⁷For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out.⁸And having food and raiment let us be therewith content.⁹But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition. ¹⁰For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

Desiring something more and having it fulfilled is godly

1. God created us with the ability to desire-**Mk11:24**-Whatsoever things you desire-**Ps145:19**-He will fulfill the desire of them that fear him-**Pr10:24**-The desire of the righteous shall be granted-**Pr13:12**-Hope deferred makes the heart sick: but when the desire cometh, it is a tree of life.¹⁹The desire accomplished is sweet to the soul-**Ps37:4**-Delight thyself also in the Lord: and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.

If you'll put God and His things first He even has plans to give you the desires of your heart

2. Contentment doesn't mean don't desire more it means don't require more (to be at peace)-More ain't going to do nothing for my peace

3. The ditch of contentment is the enemy of advancement-You think you're being holy because you don't desire more, but it's really ungodly because there's no advancement

4. Always content, but always looking to increase, advance, progress

5. If He's not pleased, I'm not content-They were content with Egypt and God was not pleased with this because He had more-**Hb3:17**

II. Vision is connected to advancement-Pr29:18-Where there is no vision the people perish: but he that keeps the law happy is he

A. Vision is divine communication that causes you to see-**Vision-ST**-Sight (mentally), dream, revelation, oracle-**BDB**-Divine communication-**A.Heb**-Light, ability to see beyond what is seen-**W1828**-Revelation from God; Something supernaturally presented to the mind-**ICB**-Where there is no word from God

- B. Vision can be in the form of direction for the future-**Gn12:1-4**
- C. What you see is what you go after-Nothing is obtained without pursuit-**Mt7:7**-Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:⁸For every one that asks receives; and he that seeks finds; and to him that knocks it shall be opened-**Jr29:13**-You shall seek me, and find me, **when you shall search for me with all your heart**
- D. Many try to make God too responsible for everything-Many act like we have no part other than to just ask-**1Co3:9**-We are laborers together with God-**Mk16:20**-They went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following-**Ex14:15**-Wherefore criest thou unto me? speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward: ¹⁶But lift thou up thy rod, and stretch out thine hand over the sea, and divide it-**Mt11:28-MS**-Work with me
- E. Vision is about progress and progress starts with vision-Without vision you go backwards and don't make progress- (**Perish-ST**-Go back-**W1828**-Decay, come to nothing fail-**Happy**-Blessed, go forward, prosper, advance, make progress)

III. We live by vision-We seek God, He shows us the end and we believe for it, pursue it, decree it to be, take steps towards it until it comes to pass

- A. God operates by vision-Sees the end and declares it to be-**Is46:10**-Declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times the things that are not yet done
- B. Jesus lived by vision-Father showed Him the end, he decreed it, did it, pursued it-**Jn5:19**-The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise
- C. We operate by vision-**Jn16:13**-When he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: (divine communication) and he will shew you things to come

IV. Vision keys-God wants to show you something to pursue

- A. Sit down/take some time, ask God for vision, look inside-We are looking TO SEE what HE is saying-**Hb2:1**-I will stand upon my watch and set me upon the tower and will watch (look) to see what he will say unto me-**Js1:5-Pr3:4-Rm8:16-Jr23:16**-Speak a vision OF THEIR OWN HEART and not out of the mouth of the Lord
- B. Write the vision, write what you see-**Hb2:2**-The Lord...said write the vision-**Rv1:11**-What thou seest, write in a book ¹⁹WRITE the things which you have SEEN; **Jr30:2**-Write thee all the WORDS that I have spoken unto thee
- C. Keep the vision before you-Whatever you want to produce, keep in front of you-**Hb2:2**-That he may run that reads it (recite, proclaim)-**Gn30:39-ER**-When the goats mated in front of the branches, the young that were born were spotted, striped-**Js1:22-25-Jo1:8-Rm4:18-2Co3:18-NAB**-Gazing on the glory are being transformed into the same-**AM**-continually seeing as in a mirror, the glory of the Lord are progressively being transformed
 - 1. It's not magic-As you keep it before you, you begin to see it, faith for it is conceived, you decree it, seek God about it, takes step towards it, but out of sight, out of mind and you do nothing
- D. Take a step-We don't do nothing-**Js2:20**-Faith without works is dead-**Js1:11**-You will pass over this Jordan to go in to possess the land; **Js3:3-16**
- E. Stick with it-The vision speaks at the end so stick with it because if it really is from God and you stay with it, it'll surely come-**Hb2:3**-For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait (adhere-to stick to, hold to) for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry.