

VISION SERVICE 2024
Contentment & Increase

- I. **Step up, go to another level, advance, improve, make progress, increase-**
1Th4:1,2Pt3:18,Ps115:14,Pr4:18,2Co3:18,Co2:19,Ps92:12
- A. Nothing is obtained by being passive-**Pr13:4**-The soul of the sluggard desires and hath nothing-**Pr21:25**-The desire of the slothful (not to act) kills him; for his hands refuse to labor (to do)-**Ph3:12,Mt7:7,Jr29:13,Js4:8,Dt1:8,Josh18:2,Nm16:4,Jd18:9-10**
- B. Nothing happens until you move-**2Ki7:3-4** Lepers-**Ex14:15,Josh3, Dt28:12**
- C. Satan wants you passive, desireless, visionless, pursuing nothing-Living that way you won't advance, make progress, increase
- II. **One way Satan has gotten us to be passive is by selling us a lie of contentment**
- A. Contentment doesn't mean I have no desires, but I have peace in my present state-It's not needing more to be at peace, NOT not desiring more (**Content-Satisfied**-1.Supply possession/enjoyment/desires to full extent till no more is desired 2.Contentment or peace of mind with present possession, in the present condition)-**Ph4:11**-I have learned in whatsoever state I am therewith to be content-**1Sm1:17**-Go in peace (contentment) and the God of Israel grant you thy petition
- B. Be content isn't a charge to not desire-It's okay to desire (even desire more) it's not okay to seek peace in a desire-**Mk11:24,Ps37:4,Pr10:24**-Desire of the righteous shall be granted-**Ps145:19**-Fulfill the desire of them that fear him-**Pr13:12**-When the desire cometh it is a tree of life.¹⁹Desire accomplished is sweet to the soul-**2Sm12:8-AM**-I also gave you your master's house and put your master's wives into your care and under your protection and I gave you the house of Israel and of Judah and if that had been too little I would have given you much more
- C. Be content is a warning to not seek peace in money or possessions-**Hb13:5**-Let your conversation be without covetousness (loving money); and be content (mind at peace in present condition) with such things as you have-**1Tm6:8**-Having food and raiment let us be therewith content...¹⁰For the love of money is the root of all evil
- D. Ditch of contentment is the enemy of advancement-Don't desire to advance, you won't; Fine with where you are, you'll stay where you are
- E. Desiring to increase isn't greed, it's desiring the will of God
- III. **There's nothing noble about small vision, desiring nothing, going after nothing, staying where you are, little and small**-**Mt25:25-Hb3:17-Ps35:27**
- A. Many are rooted in small vision and being small-Don't like anything big or nice; Believe there is nobility in staying down, low, small, not having much, not desiring more, reaching for me
- B. God has never had small vision for us-**Gn1:28**-Be fruitful, multiply, replenish the earth, subdue it...have dominion...over every living thing that moves upon the earth-**Gn12:2**-Make of thee a great nation...make thy name great...³...in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed-**Ez:20:6**-A land I had espied for them...which is the glory of all lands-**Is54:2-ER**-Make your tent bigger. Open your doors wide. Don't think small! Make your tent large and strong ³because you will grow in all directions-**Ps18:19**-Brought me forth into a large place-**119:165**-Great peace have they which love thy law-**Jr33:9-Ma3:10**
- C. God is not small-**Ps77:13**-Who is so great a God as our God-**Ps71:19**-Who hath done great things: O God, who is like unto thee-**Ps86:10**-For thou art great and doest wondrous things-**Ps95:3**-The Lord is a great God and a great King above all gods- **Ps104:1**-O Lord my God thou art very great-**Ps135:5**-I know that the Lord is great-**Ps136:4**-Who alone does great wonders...⁷ made great lights...¹⁷ smote great kings-**Ps92:5**-How great our

thy works-**Ps126:3**-The Lord hath done great things for us-**Ps31:19**-How great is thy goodness-**Ps36:6**-Thy righteousness is like the great mountains; thy judgments are a great deep-**Ps47:2**-He is a great King-**Ps48:1**-Great is the Lord-**Ps57:10**-For thy mercy is great-**Ps138:5**-Great is the glory of the Lord-**Ps86:13**-Great is thy mercy toward me

D. The curse is an evil thing NOT a noble thing and not increasing, advancing, making progress, being low/little isn't noble, it's a curse-**Dt7:26**-Thou shalt utterly detest it, and thou shalt utterly abhor it; for it is a cursed thing-**Dt28:15**-All these curses shall come upon you...²⁹thou shalt not prosper (push forward, advance, make progress) in thy ways: ⁴³...thou shalt come down very low. ⁴⁴...he shall be the head, and thou shalt be the tail. ⁶²...Ye shall be left few in number...

1. **Curse**-1. Vilification-Debase and degrade-Reduce from a higher to a lower state, from a higher to a lower degree 2.Abate-Lessen, diminish, moderate 3.Something small, light in weight stature 4.Invoke evil on, vex with great calamities

E. Increasing, advancing, making progress is for us-**Dt28:10**-All people of the earth shall see that thou art called by the name of the Lord; and they shall be afraid of thee.¹¹The Lord shall make thee plenteous in goods, in the fruit of thy body, in the fruit of thy cattle, in the fruit of thy ground, in the land which the Lord sware unto thy fathers to give thee.¹²...Bless all the work of thine hand: and thou shalt lend unto many nations, and thou shalt not borrow.¹³ And the Lord shall make thee the head, and not the tail; and thou shalt be above only, and thou shalt not be beneath-**Dt7:14**-Blessed above all people-**Je30:19**-I will multiply them, and they shall not be few; I will also glorify them, and they shall not be small-**Mt13:31**-The kingdom of heaven is like to a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and sowed in his field: ³²Which indeed is the least of all seeds: but when it is grown, it is the greatest among herbs

F. Stepping up, increasing, advancing, making progress isn't about comparing yourself with someone else, it's about you and where you are in your life and are you stepping up, advancing, making progress, increasing because this is the will of God-Always someone with more/less