

MORE & MORE

Increase, Advance, Progress

I. God is about things increasing, advancing, progressing

- A. His kingdom and the peace it procures is ever-increasing-Is9:7-Of the increase of his government (empire/rule) and peace (prosperity) there shall be no end-GW-His government and peace will have unlimited growth -TL-His ever-expanding, peaceful government will never end-YL-To the increase of the princely power, and of peace, there is no end
- B. The Body of Christ is supposed to increase-This is people in the body-Co2:19-The head from which all the body by joints and bands having nourishment (cause growth) ministered and knit together increases with the increase of God-CEB-The Head nourishes and supports the whole body through the joints and ligaments so the body grows with a growth that is from God
1. Nature of The Head is increase-Something flows from it causes increase
 2. Holding to the head we're supplied with something that causes us to increase-What you've been supplied with flows through you causing the body to increase (Ex: Happened with me and Amber)

II. To think like God you have to have a mentality of increase, advancement, progress-

Mt25:14-For the kingdom of heaven is as a man travelling into a far country, who called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods.¹⁵And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one; to every man according to his several ability; and straightway took his journey. ¹⁶Then he that had received the five talents went and traded with the same, and made them other five talents.¹⁷And likewise he that had received two, he also gained other two.¹⁸But he that had received one went and digged in the earth, and hid his lord's money. ²¹His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.²⁶His lord answered and said unto him, Thou wicked and slothful servant, thou knewest that I reap where I sowed not, and gather where I have not straved: ²⁷Thou oughtest therefore to have put my money to the exchangers, and then at my coming I should have received mine own with usury (interest, gain).

- A. The Kingdom is like this: God gives you something, you do what He tells you to do with it, it increases and He likes it
- B. God didn't call them greedy for trying to gain, He called them faithful

III. God is this way: Don't sit down, go further, advance, move forward-Js13:1-

Joshua was old and stricken in years; and the Lord said unto him, Thou art old and stricken in years, and there remains yet very much land to be possessed.

- A. Looking back, drawing back, going back isn't for us-Lk9:62-No man having put his hand to the plough and looking back is fit for the kingdom-Hb10:38-If any draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him-Ex14:15-Wherefore criest thou unto me? speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward

IV. God calls us higher, to step up, to go to another level, to increase, advance, progress, to move from where we are to a higher level-2Pt3:18-Grow (increase) in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord-EEB-Grow as believers...know him better and better...He...will help you more and more-Is54:2-Enlarge the place of thy tent,

and let them stretch forth the curtains of thine habitations: spare not, lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes; ³For thou shalt break forth on the right hand and on the left-**Dt2:3**-You have compassed this mountain long enough turn northward-**Ep4:15**-Grow up (increase) into him in all things

- A. Called Abraham higher-Gen12:1-Now the Lord had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee: ²And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: ³And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.
 - B. Called Joshua higher-Js1:2-Moses my servant is dead; now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, thou, and all this people, unto the land which I do give to them, even to the children of Israel.
 - C. Called the children of Israel higher-Ex3:17-I will bring you up out of the affliction of Egypt unto the land of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, unto a land flowing with milk and honey.
 - D. Called us to please Him more-1Th4:1-NMB-Furthermore, we beseech you, brethren, and exhort you in the Lord Jesus, as you learned from us how you ought to walk and please God, so to progress more and more-**KJ**-Abound (increase) more and more (greater degree)
- V. **By not having a mentality of increase they limited God-Ac7:39**-Their hearts turned back again into Egypt-**Ps78:21**-They turned back and tempted God and limited the Holy One of Israel
- A. God was not pleased because He had more for them-Hb3:17-With whom was he grieved 40 years? was it not with...whose carcasses fell in the wilderness?