Small Vision

- I. Many believe there is something noble (pious/humble) about desiring nothing, going after nothing, staying where you are, having small vision, being little and they are rooted in small vision and being small and some even take pride in it because they believe there is nobility in staying down, low, small, not desiring much, not having much, not reaching for more and something big or something nice they makes them uncomfortable-Pr15:16-Better is little with the fear of the Lord than great treasure and trouble therewith-Ps112:1-Praise ye the Lord. Blessed is the man that fears the Lord, that delighteth greatly in his commandments. Wealth and riches shall be in his house-Pr16:18-Better is a little with righteousness than great revenues without right-Pr15:6-In the house of the righteous is much treasure:
- A. God's plan for us people and His kingdom is not small-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-Dt7:14-Blessed above all people
- II. Increasing, advancing, making progress is part of the blessing; Not increasing, advancing, making progress, being low/little isn't noble, it's a curse
 - A. <u>Bless</u>-To make successful, to prosper-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. ¹³And the Lord shall make thee the head, and not the tail; and thou shalt be above only, and thou shalt not be beneath
 - B. <u>Curse</u>-1. Vilification-Debase and degrade-Reduce from a higher to a lower state, from a higher to a lower degree 2.Abate-Lessen, diminish, 3.Something small, light in weight stature-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...Dt7:26-Thou shalt utterly detest it, and thou shalt utterly abhor it; for it is a cursed thing

III. God is a not small

A. God is a biq God-Ps77:13-Who is so great a God as our God-Ps95:3-The Lord is a great God and a great King above all gods-Ps104:1-0 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

- B. God does great things-Ps71:19-Who hath done great things: O God, who is like unto thee-Ps86:10-For thou art great and doest wondrous things
- C. 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-Ps18:19-Brought me forth into a large place-Jr33:9-It shall be to me a name of joy, a praise and an honour before all the nations of the earth, which shall hear all the good that I do unto them: and they shall fear and tremble for all the goodness and for all the prosperity that I procure unto it-Ma3:10-Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.
- IV. Whatever measure of what you are given you get some vision to grow, to increase-Don't think small-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
 - A. You may start small, but you can increase-Jb8:7-Though thy beginning was small, yet thy latter end should greatly increase-Job42:12-The LORD blessed the latter end of Job more than his beginning-Ze4:10-NLT-Do not despise these small beginnings, for the Lord rejoices to see the work begin, to see the plumb line in Zerubbabel's hand."
 - B. Wherever we are we are coming up-Increasing, advancing, making progress stepping up isn't about comparing yourself with someone else, it's about increasing, advancing, progressing from where you are in your life
 - 1. Each (5,2,1) should be thinking increase—It wasn't about what they had or what they increased to, but about each one increasing from where they were—Mt25:15—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