

**MORE & MORE**  
Vision & Pursuit

I. **Vision is a key ingredient increase-Pr29:18-Where there is no vision (divine communication, ICB-Where there is no word from God) the people perish (go back, decay, come to nothing): but he that keeps the law happy is he (go forward, prosper, advance, make progress)**

A. Vision is about increasing, progressing, advancing-Without it you go backwards

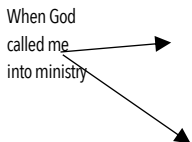
B. Vision is divine communication-God wants to show you something to pursue (a target)-Gn12:1-Now the Lord had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee: <sup>2</sup>And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: <sup>3</sup>And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

C. Increasing, advancing, progressing starts with vision

II. **What you see is what you go after**

A. God operated by vision, Jesus operated by vision, 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-Is46:10-Declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times the things that are not yet done (Saw the end and declared it to be)-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-Jn16:13-Whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: (divine communication) and he will shew you things to come

When God called me into ministry



B. They needed to go after what God showed them-Gn15:8-Unto your seed I have given this land-Dt2:3-You have compassed this mountain long enough turn northward-Dt1:8-Go in and possess the land-Nm33:52-You shall drive out all the inhabitants of the land-Js18:2-How long are ye slack to go to possess the land which the Lord God...hath given you-Nm16:14-You have not brought us into a land that flows with milk and honey

III. **Pursuit is a key to increase-Can't be passive and increase, advance, progress**

A. Nothing is obtained without pursuit, by being passive-Mt7:7-Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:<sup>8</sup>For 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-Ph3:12-ER-I don't mean that I am exactly what God wants me to be. I have not yet reached that goal. But I continue trying to reach it and make it mine.<sup>13</sup>I know that I still have a long way to go. But there is one thing I do: I forget what is in the past and try as hard as I can to reach the goal before me.<sup>14</sup>I keep running hard toward the finish line to get the prize that is mine. <sup>15</sup>All of us who have grown to be spiritually mature should think this way too

B. Nothing happens if you don't move-Ex14:15, Jos3, Dt28:12-Bless the work of thine hand-2Ki7:3-Four Lepers

C. We're not trying to produce something in our strength, but neither are expecting something to be produced while we do nothing-God gives us the

vision, we take the steps towards it He shows us and we expect him to get involved

- D. Many try to make God too responsible for everything-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: <sup>16</sup>But lift thou up thy rod, and stretch out thine hand over the sea, and divide it-Mt11:28-MS-Work with me
- E. This idea that things will just fall on as The Lord wills and chooses is not true-Js18:3-Joshua said unto the children of Israel, How long are ye slack to go to possess the land, which the Lord God of your fathers hath given you?
- F. Lethargy is one of the greatest enemies of advancement-It's easier to do nothing than it is to increase, advance, progress; This requires faith, effort, energy, time, labor and the flesh wants to do nothing-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)

**IV. The enemy wants you visionless and passive, nothing because living this way you won't increase, advance, make progress**

- A. Have a sense of urgency-Clock is ticking-2Tm4:2-AC Keep your sense of urgency