

VISION SERVICES
How To Make Progress

- I. Progress is God's plan - Being stagnate, decreasing is not-Co2:19-Not holding the Head, from which all the body by joints and bands having nourishment ministered, and knit together, increases with the increase of God-Is9:7-Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end-Ps115:14-The Lord shall increase you more and more you and your children-Gn26:13-Gn30:43**
- A. God works from one measure to another; NOT all at once-Creates things to grow not start at full bloom-**2Co3:18-AM**-Progressively being transformed into His image from one degree of glory to even more glory-**Pr4:18-Pr13:11-ESV**-Wealth gained hastily will dwindle but whoever gathers little by little will increase it-**Pr28:20-Ex23:20-Dt7:22**
 - B. Progress isn't automatic; Everybody isn't progressing-COI experienced 40 Years no progress and it was the result of not cooperating with God
 - C. Progress doesn't happen independent of us-**Mk16:16**-Working with-**1Co3:9**-Laborers together-**Ex17:6**-You shall smite the rock-**Js6:14-Mt11:28-Jn2**
- II. All progress starts with vision-Pr29:18-Where there is no vision the people perish: but he that keeps the law happy is he-(Perish-Go back-W18-Decay, come to nothing fail-Happy-Blessed, go forward, prosper, advance, make progress)**
- A. Vision is divine communication that causes you to see beyond what is seen-IC-Where there is no word from God
 - B. Vision begins with seeking God-Seek God about what to go after/ believe for, where you're going, what He's saying to you about it-**Hb2:1**-I will stand upon my watch and set me upon the tower and will watch to see what he will say unto me-**Pr2:3,3:6,Js1:5,Rm8:16**
 - C. We don't want to pursue something that isn't of God-**Ps127:1**-Except the Lord build the house they labor in vain that build it-**Jn5:30-Nm14:44**
- III. Write the vision-Hb2:2-Write the vision and make it plain upon tables that he may run that reads it-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 you-Dt6:9-Write them upon the posts of thy house and on thy gates**
- A. God is big on writing and so should you be-Taking notes is not optional
 - B. Neuroscience of writing-1.Engages prefrontal cortex which better equips the brain to act on goals 2.Strengthens neural pathways related to memory; more likely to remember/stay focused on it 3.Activates the motor cortex increasing likelihood you will take action to achieve the goal
- IV. Keep it in front of you (You write it down so you can read it)**
- A. Transformation begins with what you keep in front of you-What we continually behold we will be progressively transformed into-**2Co3:18**-We all with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by The Spirit of the lord-**NAB**-Gazing on the glory...transformed into the same-**Rm4:18**
 - B. Whatever you want to produce keep it in front of you-**Gn30:37-39-ERV**
 - C. What God says keep in front of you-Activates action-**Js1:8,Js1:22**

1. Not magic-As you keep it before you, you begin see it, faith for it is conceived, you decree it, seek God about it, takes steps towards it; Out of sight, out of mind, do nothing, faith disengages

V. Take a step - DO SOMETHING

- A. Seek God and then go after what you see-We've been far too passive
- B. Progress doesn't come by prayer alone-**Ex14:15**-Wherefore criest thou unto me? speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward (**TL**-Quit praying and get the people moving! Forward march): ¹⁶But lift thou up thy rod, and stretch out thine hand over the sea, and divide it...
- C. Things happened when people moved-**Js3:14**-Came to pass when the people removed from their tents to pass over Jordan...¹⁵as...feet of the priests...were dipped in the brim of the water...-**Lk17:14-Jn2:7-Js6:16-2Ch20**
- D. Don't do just anything but don't do nothing-Act based on what you've heard and believe God will get involved-**Js2:20**-Faith without works is dead

VI. Stick with it-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-stick to, hold to) for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry

- A. The vision speaks at the end-The way to the end isn't without peril and it's littered with adversity and opportunities to quit-**Mt14,Nm13,Mk5**
- B. If it delays what do you do? You stick with it-If it really is from God and you stay with it, it'll surely come

VII. This works every time and in everything; So why are you not seeing progress? 1.No vision 2.Didn't seek God 3.Didn't write it down 4.Didn't keep it in front of you 5.Didn't act - To passive 6.Didn't stick with it