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# 1

## MOVING FROM BLESSING TO INCREASE

It is one thing to be blessed, it's another to be increased. The same God that blessed us can increase us. You will have more and become more only when you are increased. All believers have been blessed with all spiritual blessings but we are not all blessed with spiritual increase.

You have to understand that increase is superior to blessings. Increase is about more blessings. It's time you moved from blessings to increase. Your life should express and experience a wave of increase that can't be explained logically. You have been blessed, it's time to be increased.

### **1. EVERYWHERE YOU SEE FAVOUR, INCREASE IS ASSURED**

The goal of this book is to establish two facts. The first fact is that you must be blessed in life and the second is that you must be increased in life. The synonymous word for increase is growth. When you hear the word "growth," what it simply means is

increase. One of the things that favour does in a life of a person is that favour brings increase to your life. Everyone that enjoyed favour in the scripture, experienced increase in his or her life. Take for instance, Joseph was highly favoured. He increased in rank everywhere and by the time he got to the palace, he has increased in all round; he had a wife, children, houses, influence and many more.

Nehemiah was favoured and the king gave him items in building the walls of Jerusalem. Esther was favoured and the outcome of such was that she rose to replace Vashti. She became the queen. That's what favour can do. Everywhere you see favour, increase comes. If you are reading this book right now, God permitted you to read this book because God wants to increase you.

## EXPLORING DEFINITION OF INCREASE

What is increase?

- **INCREASE IS TO BECOME PROGRESSIVELY GREATER**

To become progressively greater – to be greater in size and to be greater in amount. The Bible says Jesus increased in stature and wisdom. For instance, if your finance runs between tens of million before, the moment you are increased, you will suddenly move to hundreds of millions. That is increase. When the number of your client rise from thirty to seventy in number, increase has happened. When a church of two hundred people suddenly increased to two thousand people, then, there's increase.

• **INCREASE IS TO BECOME LARGER**

When you become larger or bigger than you are now, it is increase. I want you to know that when God blesses you, you will be great. And when God increases you, you will be greater. God said to Abraham that I will make you a great nation. I will bless you. In other words, blessing brings greatness. However, to be greater, you have to increase.

**TRANSCENDING FROM BEING BLESSED TO INCREASE**

God can bless and increase you. God gives blessing and He gives increase. You have to master that. When God want you to be greater, He will increase you. A greater person has more or is more than the great. It takes increase to have that. Blessings are different from increase. Many people are living the blessed life but they are not living the increased lives. Most peoples who are praying for blessing don't know what is called increase. Most people are in the realm of blessing, they have not moved to the realm of increase. Blessing is different from increase. You will have to understand that blessing is when God gives you one thing while increase is when God gives you more. For instance, a business man who has about thirty companies may have up to one hundred when He is increased. A politician with few supporters will have many supporter when He is increased. Therefore, increase is receiving more of what you have before. Blessing brings something into your life. It's increase that will bring more of that thing to you.

You must not be at the level of blessing, you have to move to the level of increase because whatever you have now or God has

given to you now, is a product of God's blessing to you. For you to have more of that, you have to receive increase. You can be blessed but not increased. And that is the level many people are. They are blessed but they are not increasing.

A proof that some people are blessed but not increased is that you have the same thing you have for a long time. For example, if the same salary you receive for the last two years is the same salary you are still receiving, it means you are not increasing. You are blessed because you are having a job. Though it's obvious that you are better than a person who has no job, yet, it's evident that you have not increased.

If the profit you make annually is ten million dollars and it's still the same in the third, fourth and fifth years, the fact is that you are better than those that are not making up to that in a year, but my question is that why should you be on the same spot for years? I have learned that to move away from the same spot you are for years, it takes increase to come upon your life. When increase comes upon your life, then you will move and have more of what you have.

When you increase, you will have more customers. When you increase, you will have more members. When you increase, you will have more influence. When you increase, you will have more profit. When you increase, you will have more mentees. When you increase, you will have more grace.

It is one thing to be blessed, it is another thing to increase. Everyone that God increased were first blessed. The first thing you receive is blessing but you have to move away from just being blessed to being increased. God will first bless you before He increases you. Many have remained at the level of blessing, they never experience increase.

• **INCREASE REPRESENT MORE BLESSING**

More blessing means to have more of what you have already and to have more of what you never have before. A couple with a child is fruitful but a couple with two or more children have multiplied and that is increased blessing.

Genesis 12:2

I will make you a great nation; I will bless you And make your name great; And you shall be a blessing.

Isaiah 51:2

Look to Abraham your father, And to Sarah who bore you; For I called him alone, And blessed him and increased him.”

When you understand the above scriptures, then you will know how Lot was increased. God called Abraham and promised to bless him. God didn't promise to bless Lot. But as long as Lot was connected to Abraham, he was blessed. It's as a result of this that any blessing that flows down to Abraham will definitely overflow to Lot because he went with Abraham.

If you are blessed, everyone connected to you will be partakers of the blessing that is on your life. There is a measure of blessing connected to everyone's life and everyone connected to a blessed person will always be a partaker of that blessing. Certain things will happen in the lives of those connected to the blessed just because they are connected to his blessings.

Concerning Abraham, God said, “I blessed him, I increase him.” What does that suggest? God did not only bless Abraham, God also increased Abraham. He says, I blessed him and increase him. There was a time I blessed Abraham, but I came another time to increase Abraham. God has blessed you but God want to increase you. Increase is something you must enjoy. You might have a measure of a grace on you but that grace can increase.

God has blessed you with that grace but God can increase that grace. You might have some level of financial breakthrough and have some access to authorities, that is a blessing but God can increase you. God can increase your finance. You might have wisdom, it's a blessing but it can increase. Whatever you have or whatever God has given you can increase.

Genesis 22:17

“Blessings I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the heaven and as the sand which is on the seashore; and your descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies.”

God promised to bless Abraham and He blessed Abraham. He promise to increase Abraham and He increased Abraham. Whatever God promises to do in your life He will do it. God promised to increase Abraham and by the time we get to Isaiah 51:2, He already fulfilled what He promised to do for Abraham.

Job 1:10

“Have You not made a hedge around him, around his household, and around all that he has on every side? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land.”

The scripture reveals satan's conversation with God. Satan said God has blessed Job and the work of his hand and his possession has increased. This incident occurred before satan interfered with Job's life.

Job 42:10

“And the Lord restored Job's losses when he prayed for his friends. Indeed the Lord gave Job twice as much as he had before.”

From the above scripture, we see that God gave Job twice of what he had before. The verse shows that God increased the

increase of job. There was a time the increase of Job was lost but later the increase of Job was restored and increased. Getting double is about God increasing your increase.

Ephesians 1:3

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ,”

Believers have been blessed with all spiritual blessing. Scripture doesn't say we have been increased but rather, that we have been blessed with all spiritual blessing. At salvation, you were blessed. It's growth that will bring your increase. You have to grow. Apostle Peter said that as new born babes, desire the sincere milk of the word so that you grow thereby. Believers need to grow. They need to increase in the knowledge of God. You can't make spiritual advancement without the word of God. All believers are sons of God. That you are already a child of God does not mean you shouldn't increase. I want you to know that there was a son of God (Jesus) who was already was the first Son of God before we became sons of God. And according to the scripture, that is the first born among many brethren. Jesus was the first Son of God and the Bible says while he was on earth, He increased in wisdom and stature. Some people will say, you know we are sons of God, you know we have been blessed with all spiritual blessings, so, we don't need to increase. That is not true because Jesus is a Son of God and when He was on earth He increased.

Luke 2:52

“And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.”

Jesus increased in wisdom. He increased in stature. He increased in favour – he increased in favour with God and favour

with men. So, you must increase.



## 2

# INCREASE DIFFERENTIATE MEN FROM MEN

Also, when you hear the word flourishing, whatever flourish is always on the increase. Growing and flourishing has to do with increase. When you see a wise person increasing in wisdom, he becomes wiser. Wisdom makes you wise, increased wisdom makes you wiser. So, increase differentiates the wise from the wiser. When you see a rich person that increased in riches, such will become richer. When a poor person increases in finance, he becomes rich. When a sick person increases in health, the person becomes healthy. When the weak increases in strength, the person becomes strong. The different between a PhD holder and a Bsc holder is increase - increase in knowledge and degrees. Of course a PhD holder has more degrees than the person who is just a graduate.

When God wants to single you out of equality, He will give you increase. You will be their mate if you have the same thing. It takes a certain kind of increase that will change your level from where you used to be to where you need to be. It takes increase of something to be singled out of competition. When your

productivity or success increase, everyone will look towards your direction and you will become the role model they will have to study.

## MAY THE LORD GIVE YOU INCREASE

1 Thessalonians 3:12

“And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love to one another and to all, just as we do to you,”

According to the above scriptural passage, it's in God's power to make you increase. God can make you increase. This is not Old Testament, but New Testament. Paul directed his prayers to God for the Thessalonians. If Paul prayed that God should increase the believers after it's known that all believers have been blessed with all spiritual blessings, then, it must be accepted that all believers can pray for increase.

Psalms 115:14

“May the Lord give you increase more and more, You and your children.”

According to the above scripture, God will increase you. Not only you but including your children. However, your children are the things and people that are connected to you and comes out of you. Whatever comes out of you – your perspective, vision – are your children. Those things can increase. If you are a mentor, you will not just be the only one that will increase, your mentees will also increase. Lot increased because he was connected to Abraham. We never hear about the increase of Lot again after he disconnected from Abraham because Abraham was the real person that carried the blessing. As long as you are connected to a person who carries the blessing, one thing is certain, you

will always be a partaker of the blessing on the person because whenever God promise to bless a person, He blesses the person till it overflow and when it overflows, it comes to you. When you are connected to a person or people who God is increasing, you will definitely be increased.

Jesus entered into the boat of Peter but by the time they caught abundant of fish, the boat of peter was filled to the extent that he had to beckon to his neighbors to bring their boat so they could fill that one also with fish. However, it was Peter's boat that Jesus entered. In other word, as long as those people were connected to Peter, they become partaker of the increase that came into the life of Peter. When you are connected to a person or you are connected to a business or a church that carries increase, one thing is certain, you will also experience and enjoy the increase. Connectivity to a person God is increasing or to a church God is increasing brings increase to your life.

According to this passage, may the Lord gives you increase more and more, you and your children. It means you will be increased. Your children will be increased. I want you to notice this that God does not only make you increase, He also gives you an increase.

Increase is a gift. If the Bible says may the Lord gives you increase, it means increase is a gift the Lord can give. I used to think that increase is just an event that takes place but God open my eyes to see that increase is a gift. There are things that God gives people and one of them is increase. If God gives increase, it means that there will be a recipient that will receive increase. If increase can be given, it means increase can be received. So, it's not only blessing that can be given. There are many things that can be given to a man and increase is one of such. Increase is a gift. It's a gift that the Lord gives.

## INCREASE SHOULD NOT BE ONCE

It is not everybody that God will give increase, but blessed are you if the Lord give you the gift of increase. Increase is given by the Lord but I hope you notice according to that passage that the scripture doesn't say the Lord will give it once. It says that may the Lord give you increase more and more. So, God can increase you more and more. He could have given you some measure of increase two month ago or three month ago but He will give another kind and level of increase when the level shifts. The Lord can give you more increase.

Thank God for the increase of last season, you need another level of increase today. Your fruits (results and success) should keep increasing. You must go beyond your current level. Your current success or results should be on the double. You must not just have increase once, it must be consistent and keep increasing every season.

## GIVE VOICE TO THE WORD OF INCREASE

Psalms 115:14 is not a prayer but a prophetic declaration. It's a blessing flowing out of the mouth of an authority pronouncing a blessing saying, may the Lord increase you more and more. Every word of God needs a voice. The word has to be voiced for it to be potent. It's a word that you voice that God confirms. The word you don't voice, God doesn't confirm it. Any word of God that is voiced out must definitely be confirmed. Speak prophetically into your life as thus "in the name of Jesus I shall increase more and more."

## UNDERSTANDING FIVE FACTS ABOUT INCREASE

### **1) INCREASE CANNOT BE HIDDEN**

You cannot hide increase. When you increase, you cannot hide it. The Israelites were in the land of Goshen yet they were known to all Egyptian citizens and their king. Those who don't know you before will know you.

One of the things that make people to be known is favour but much more, when God wants you to be known, He brings increase into your life. Increase will make you known. The reason it seems as though what you are doing is hidden is because you have not increased. When your clients, customers, members or followers increased, you cannot be hidden.

### **2) INCREASE BRINGS RECOGNITION**

When you increase, important people will know you. You remember the king himself talked about the children of Israel and said if we permit these people like this, they will overtake us one day. When you increase you will be recognized. Just as Pharaoh recognized the children of Israel, so shall you be

recognized.

### **3) INCREASE INTIMIDATES YOUR ENEMY**

Why were the children of Israel tormented and afflicted? It's because the Egyptians and their king feared them. They said, if these people are increasing, one day they will take our nation. When you increase, government may even fear you. That is what happened to Isaac that the Bible says they sent him away because the Philistines envied and thought that the way Isaac was going could take over their country one day.

The Bible says that "and the philistines envied him." It takes increase to be envy. You remember that the Bible says that Isaac sow in the land and he reap a hundred fold. What does that means? He was the only one that harvested so much in that land that year. When you increase, you will definitely intimidate enemies.

I have learned that increase stirs envy. Never tell God to increase you when you have not mastered how to respond to envy. When people envy you, don't be angry with them, you just have to know that they envy you because you have more than them.

### **4) INCREASE BRINGS RELEVANCE**

The king didn't want to release the Israelites because they can't do without them. I hope you know Pharaoh did not just say I will not let them go. It's not because the Israel was serving them. The reason he didn't want them to go was because the Israelites were doing things Egyptians could not do: making bricks and rearing cattles. What they are doing brings relevance to their life.

I hope you know that it wasn't only the nation of Israel

that was in Egypt that year. There were other nationalities in the Egypt and it's only the children of Israel that were being tormented. Had it been the other nationalities also increased like the Israelites, they would have been tormented just like the children of Israel were also tormented. When you increase, you will be relevant. When you increase, people will search you out.

## **5) INCREASE ATTRACTS ENEMIES**

Don't expect increase if you are not expecting enemies. You can't know who hate you until you increase. When you increase more than your contemporary, you have more money, financial increase or mental increase, you will have enemies. You should get to a point where you increase all round. Until you increase, you will not know that it's possible that those who loves you yesterday can turn your enemy today. Increase will always attract enemies. If the children of Israel didn't increase, Pharaoh wouldn't have said let us arise and torment this people.

There are some people that are confronted with challenges from the kingdom of darkness. The reason the devil do that sometimes is because he wanted to cut off their increase. He knows that their increase will bring advancement to the kingdom. If you are a minister of the gospel and you are impacting lives on the increase, you must be ready to attend to attack from the kingdom of darkness because they will do everything to sabotage what you are doing so that you will have no time to impact people. You will now have to concentrate on yourself so as to get out of the challenge or circumstance you find yourself.

Increase attract spiritual enemies and physical enemies. Why do you think the Pharisee were against Jesus? This is because the people that were following Him increased. Why did you think they wanted to silent the apostles? They did that because they

felt people were already believing them and their numbers were increasing. So, increase will always attract enemies. You have to be prepared to know that enemies will come when you increase.

The way you handle your enemies is to be more gentle and patient. Only gentle and patient people can sustain their increase when enemies arise.



## THREE THINGS THAT FACILITATE GOD'S BLESSING ON YOU

### **1) YOU BELIEVE IN JESUS**

When you believe in Jesus, you facilitate God's blessing to your life. The moment you believe in Jesus, you become the partaker of that blessing.

### **2) YOU MUST PRAY**

You need to pray. 1 Chronicles 4:10 says "And Jabez called on the God of Israel saying, "Oh, that You would bless me indeed, and enlarge my territory, that Your hand would be with me, and that You would keep me from evil, that I may not cause pain!" So God granted him what he requested."

Jabez prayed to God and the first thing he said to God was that "Oh that you may bless me, indeed. Therefore, you can pray to be blessed.

### **3) OBEDIENCE**

You obey your way to being blessed. Genesis 12:4 says "So Abram departed as the Lord had spoken to him, and Lot went

with him. And Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.”

Abraham departed has God has spoken to him. Everyone that always obey God will always enjoys God’s blessing.

### **THREE THINGS THAT FACILITATE INCREASE**

#### **1) GIVING**

If you’re not a giver, you must not expect increase. Proverbs 11:24 says “There is one who scatters, yet increases more; And there is one who withholds more than is right, But it leads to poverty.”

The words scatter within the context means there is one that gives because the picture there is a farmer that went to sow seed. He plants here and there. The more he scatters seed, the more harvest he get from different places. There is another one that withholds more than he should give which only lead to poverty.

Genesis 22:17 says,

“blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the heaven and as the sand which is on the seashore; and your descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies.”

The above scripture reveals that Abraham was moved into blessing of increase after he had sacrifice Isaac. So, the word that in blessing, I will bless you and in multiply, I will multiply you only happened after he has given Isaac to God. If what you have is too big for you to give to God, you shouldn’t expect increase to come. Giving qualifies you for increase.

Acts 20:35

“I have shown you in every way, by laboring like this, that you must support the weak. And remember the words of the Lord

Jesus, that He said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.' "

An increased person is more blessed. You have to be such that nothing should be too big for you to give if you want to increase. You should give your tithe. You should give your offering and give your seed.

## **PROPHETIC IMPARTATION**

Genesis 48:19

"But his father refused and said, "I know, my son, I know. He also shall become a people, and he also shall be great; but truly his younger brother shall be greater than he, and his descendants shall become a multitude of nations."

Jacob laid his hand on Manasseh and Ephraim and he pronounces more blessing on Ephraim than Manasseh. Ephraim being the youngest and Manasseh being the older. He transferred the first born blessing upon Ephraim. Prophetic impartation are way through which increase comes into our lives.

## **PRAYER**

If increase is something that God gives, then, you can go to God in prayer and make demand for increase in any area you want increase. Do you want increase for more grace, go to God in prayer and ask him. Are you barren? Go to God and ask him. And the Lord will definitely grant your request. Remember Hannah asked the Lord for a son and the Lord granted her request. If you ask God for an increase He will definitely give it to you.

**PART B**

## MOVING FROM REGULAR TO RAPID

***“May the Lord give you increase more and more, You and your children.” Psalms 115:14***

### REGULAR INCREASE

Increase is a gift that God gives and can give it as many as desires it. Most of the time, when you don't know the meaning of a word, you tends not to take it serous but when you know the meaning of the word, you are compelled within you to go with the whole of the word and seek the manifestation of that word.

What is regular increase?

It's the increase that follows regular pattern and always have time and space in between. Also, it means a usual kind of increase. It's an ordinary kind of increase without any special feature or any extra-ordinary feature. Things that happen the same way but different times. For instance, someone gets promotion every two years and for the last eight years he has been getting the promotion every two years, that is regular kind

of increase. If it's every two years your salary increase, it's a regular increase.

## RAPID INCREASE

This is a kind of increase that happens in a short period of time not something that takes long. It happens very quickly. Rapid kind of increase is also a kind of increase that happens suddenly. It's not just for something to happen quickly, it's something that happens suddenly.

Rapid increase happens in a way that if you are not too strong you won't be able to handle it. The kind of blessing that comes through rapid increase comes from left and right, it happens suddenly. When you have more suddenly-quickly, then, you are at the rapid level.

Job 8:7

"Though your beginning was small, Yet your latter end would increase abundantly."

The bible says, though your beginning was small yet your latter end will increase abundantly. You may be small today, you will increase abundantly. The level you are today is not the end. God sees you according to what you have in future. What all that means is that you will increase abundantly. A small business will end up bigger and greater. A small branch will become a regional headquarter. A small leader will become a great leader one day. A local product will become a global one. That is what increase is all about.

God focus on your end not your present. You must not be discouraged with your current condition. He gave the word that though your beginning may be small but surely your latter end

shall be greatly increase.

Genesis 46:27

” The sons of Joseph who were born to him in Egypt were two persons. All the persons of the house of Jacob who went to Egypt were seventy.”

According to the above scripture, seventy people went down to Egypt, including Joseph that was there. However, by the time they were leaving Egypt, they had already become over three million people. They were in Egypt for over four hundred and thirty years. Scripture records that seventy went to Egypt, but about three million went out of Egypt.. You can see some organization that was small before but has turn to giant organization today. The reason for such is because they had increased. You must not look at the current posture of your life or of where you are or of your organization. Your focus should be on the end that God spoke about. Your end will increase abundantly.

There is secret of supernatural increase. It takes the supernatural to increase rapidly.

1 Corinthians 3:6

“I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase.”

God is the secret behind supernatural increase. Why? He gives the increase. Your God can decide to make an increase regular or rapid. There is season to plant. There is season to water and there season of increase. The duty of every pastor should be that they plant and water the seed of the word. The duty of God is to bring the increase to it. There is an increase attach to every word that you share. There is an increase that is attached to every work that you do. It is God that bring that increase.

## AREAS YOU CAN EXPERIENCE RAPID INCREASE

### **1) RAPID INCREASE OF KNOWLEDGE**

Your life is sum total of who you know, where and what you know. When you read the book of Daniel 12:4, you see that the bible says knowledge shall increase. Knowledge increases daily and everyone has to understand that. When you read Proverbs 24: 5, the bible says, a man of knowledge increases strength. When your knowledge increase, what happen to you is that your strength has increased.

Increase of knowledge refers to increase of strength. The key to growing is knowing. When you know, you will grow. I really want you to take the aspect of knowledge very seriously. You know we are talking about rapid increase of knowledge. Those who know quickly will grow quickly. When you know quickly, you will grow quickly. When you learn quickly, you will lead quickly.

The book of 2 Peter 3:18, Peter said, grow in the knowledge of Lord and savior Jesus Christ. And you know to grow is to increase. So when he says grow, that means you should increase in the



knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ. And the question then is how do you grow in the knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ? You grow simply by the word. We grow in the knowledge of Jesus by the word. When the word is clearly communicated to you and you understand it, you grow. Growth in the knowledge of God is as a result of the knowledge of the word. When you grow in the knowledge of the word, you will have the knowledge of God.

## **2) RAPID INCREASE OF GREATNESS**

Psalms 71:21

“You shall increase my greatness, And comfort me on every side.”

Greatness means relevance and importance. When you are great, you become important. When you are great, you become relevant. God will increase your greatness and relevance because its rapid increase of greatness, God will do it suddenly and quickly. Some people you respect and look up to will hear about you suddenly. Your greatness will rise to them suddenly. God will cause you to do things that will make you to be more important suddenly and quickly. God will make you to do things that will make you to be more important suddenly and quickly. You have to be sensitive to the nudging you have in your spirit. You have to take actions to do them because your greatness must increase rapidly.

## **3) RAPID INCREASE OF RICHES**

Proverbs 10:22

“The blessing of the Lord makes one rich, And He adds no sorrow with it.”

Blessings brings riches -

When the Lord wants to make someone rich, God put His

blessing upon that person. And that blessing has a way of making you to increase suddenly. Have you read about Obed Edom, how God bless him within three months? In other words the riches that will take you five years to acquire within one year, you are able to acquire it.

Ezekiel 28:5

“By your great wisdom in trade you have increased your riches, And your heart is lifted up because of your riches),”

Wisdom increase riches -

From the above scripture, it's evident riches increases by wisdom. Blessing will make you rich but to increase your riches, it is wisdom that increases riches. Blessing will bring riches to your life, wisdom will increase riches in your life.

Rapid increase of riches means you are going to get some wisdom, some financial intelligence that will make you breakthrough into high level of riches. The crown of the wise is their riches. Wisdom will bring increase of riches into your life.

#### **4) RAPID INCREASE POSSESSION**

Psalms 24:1 says

“The earth is the Lord's, and all its fullness, The world and those who dwell therein.”

The earth and all in it are the possession of the Lord. All you see in the world: the gold, the silver, crude oil, to animals, to birds, to men, all are made on earth. It took God six days to make them.

Genesis 30:43 says

“Thus the man became exceedingly prosperous, and had large flocks, female and male servants, and camels and donkeys.”

Do you know that Jacob had served Laban for twenty years? All of these that Jacob got, he got in than one year - that is rapid

increase of possession. You work for over twenty years and the thing you never possess or get over twenty years, you were able to get it in less than one years.

Jacob served Laban for twenty years and in the twentieth years, his brain was reset. He says, I must have my own possession now. I must have my own animal now. God did it less than one year. To possess something means to have something or to own something.

Deuteronomy 33:23 says

“And of Naphtali he said: “O Naphtali, satisfied with favor, And full of the blessing of the Lord, Possess the west and the south.”

Do you see that? Naphtali was told to possess the west and south. His possession didn't extend to North and East. You have to know where God has given you.

You have to know where God has given you. God told Joshua that any city or any land that the sole of your foot tread I have given you, but in your own case, you have to know your territory. You have to know where God has given you. You have to take over the place and possess it. You take it in such that before they mention the name of five people in a particular place you have taken over, they must mention your name.

## **5) RAPID INCREASE OF FAITH**

Luke 17:5

“And the apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith.”

Jesus did not lay hand on them to increase their faith. The question is how did Jesus increased their faith? What Jesus did was that He spoke to them. He definitely increased their faith. Let's also identify how one's faith can be increased rapidly?

Luke 17:6 says “So the Lord said, “If you have faith as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be pulled up by the roots and be planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.”

Jesus spoke word to increase the faith of the apostles. You must have hunger to always listen to the words of your pastor or spiritual father. It is by listening that faith is increased in you.

Most people see the words of their pastor as normal thing. They don't know that that is how faith is increased. They don't listen to their pastor regularly and consistently. Why did you think that Paul wrote epistle to the church at Corinthian? Why did you think he wrote to Timothy? It is because they must hear something that will increase their faith. Apostle Paul gave some churches an instruction that they must read those Epistle aloud. What you hear is more powerful.

There is different between reading the word and hearing the word. You read the word to get understanding but you hear the word to get faith and understanding. Philip asked the Ethiopian Eunuch that do you understand what you are reading?

Luke 24:45

“And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures.”

They read the scripture themselves and get the interpretation of the word. Reading the word brings the understanding of the word. Hearing the words bring the both understanding of the word and faith. That is the reason you must develop the appetite to read the word consistently.

What differentiates the church gathering from every other gathering is the word of God. They don't share the word of God in the club or in the shrine but the case is different in the church. You listen to the word of the Lord. As an individual, you come to church to hear the word of God. You must develop the appetite

to listen to Gods word every time. There is a word for you from the man of God every time the man of God speaks. There is a word of God for you every time either at the weekly or Sunday service. Why should I hear the word of God? That's the question needed to be ask because most people felt once they read the Bible and they are okay.

Hearing the word is very potent and powerful because you don't know the hours it takes the person to get what is being shared with you. When you listen to someone, it saves you time to get faith into your heart.

Psalms 119:130

"The entrance of Your words gives light; It gives understanding to the simple."

Listening and hearing the word of God makes the word enters you. And when the word of God enters you, light is supplied, Illumination enters you. When you read the word, the word enters you. The word of God supplies understanding into you. The word of the Lord supplies light into your spirit.

You have to know that when you hear the word, understanding comes. When I read the word, it's also for understanding, but much more, faith comes by hearing, by hearing the word of the Lord. Faith rises in you when you hear the word. Therefore, to increase in faith, you simply hear the word. The more you hear the word, the more faith you have. Faith comes by hearing. The word brings faith into you.

You don't pray to increase in faith. You hear more word to increase in faith. Most people are praying "Oh God increase my faith." What they don't know is that they need to hear the word. You have to develop the habit of listening to the Word regularly and consistently.

Never develop familiarity to the word but you should develop

hunger. This must be your mindset. If you cultivate the habit of listening to the word of the pastor that God has given you, you will see how easily faith will develop in you. You need faith in your heart and that faith will only come by what you hear. Listen to the word every day.

Romans 10:14-15

“How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, Who bring glad tidings of good things!”

Somebody has to preach to you for faith to be quicken in you. Anyone that preaches a message that quickens faith in your heart, that person is sent to you. However, not all preachers are sent to you. Not all pastors can be your pastor. Not all pastors can preach the message you need. There is a sent one to you specifically. The pastor of your church is sent to you specifically. God sent people with a specific assignment. As long as God directed you to that church, it's because God knows that His servant will feed you with that message you need and you need to be connected in heart to your pastor.

There are people that are sent to specific people. Peter was sent to the Jews and Paul was sent to the Gentiles. The message that the Jew needs was not given to Paul and the message of the Gentiles was not with Peter. Peter was sent to the Jews while Paul was sent to the Gentiles. The question is who is that person that God has sent to you? You have to know the pastor. It is that person that God will always use to feed you with words that will increase faith in you. Andrew has always been with John the Baptist in the past but at a time, John the Baptist points at

Jesus and said behold the Lamb of God who took away the sin of the world. Andrew left John immediately and started following Jesus. He never returned to John again. He started listening to Jesus because he knew the word he needs for his destiny was on the lips of Jesus. Who is that person that has been sent to your way that you need to listen to consistently and regularly? The person that will always quicken faith in your heart.

John 6:67-69

“Then Jesus said to the twelve, “Do you also want to go away?” But Simon Peter answered Him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Also we have come to believe and know that You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

Peter knew the truth that they must not leave the man called Jesus because the word they needed for their lives was with Him. You must be such that always have an open heart to receive the word of God's servant to you. The pastor brings the word to you so you can hear, and as you hear, faith will rise in your heart. How can you increase in faith rapidly? It's by desiring to hear the word of God from your man of God regularly. You hear your pastor regularly. You hear your spiritual father regularly. You listen to Jesus through the man of God He has given you. Also, when you listen to the Holy Spirit in your heart, He will not speak to you outside what He has heard from Jesus. You must read the word and you must hear the word regularly.



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