



TWCC Sermon Connection Handout

Sunday, October 6th, 2019

Sermon Series: "The Laws of Increase"

Sermon Title: "The Law of Discipline"

Opening Scripture Texts: Psalms 115:14 (KJV) – "The LORD shall increase you more and more, you and your children."

- GOD'S PLAN IS TO BRING _____ AND _____ INTO OUR LIVES.

FOUR (4) IMPORTANT PRINCIPLES ABOUT INCREASE

- **PRINCIPLE #1 – GOD GIVES YOU INCREASE SO THAT YOU CAN HAVE AN _____.**
 - The Lord gives us _____ so that we can play an important role in His work, not our own.
- **PRINCIPLE #2 – GOD GIVES YOU _____ SO YOU CAN DO _____.**
 - There is never a time in anyone's walk with God that they are allowed to hit the brakes, coast, and stop trying to make a bigger and bigger _____ for the Kingdom.
 - God increases you because He wants you to be capable of handling more, so you can have an even greater _____ than ever before.
- **PRINCIPLE #3 – GOD GIVES YOU MORE SO YOU CAN DO MORE, NOT JUST SO YOU CAN HAVE MORE.**
 - Let's get even ore specific. If your _____ isn't trending up, then your _____ isn't plateaued, flat lining, or just staying the same; it is trending down and you are declining in your GIVING.
- **PRINCIPLE #4 – GOD WILL DO WHAT YOU _____, BUT HE WON'T DO WHAT YOU _____.**

Sometimes we want to push everything on God. But the Bible is clear on this. In Read 1 Corinthians 3:6.

THE LAW OF DISCIPLINE

- Thus far in this Series on the Laws of Increase. We looked at and examined the (1) Law of _____ and (2) The Law of _____. These are two extremely powerful laws we all should embrace and engage in. Last week we examined the Law of _____. We shared three big references to _____ in the Bible.
- **REFERENCE #1 = _____: Psalms 90:12 (NKJV) – "So teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom."**
- ***Our Father God created us and desired us to be time-conscious beings with an eternity perspective!***

- **REFERENCE #2** = _____: **Ephesians 5:15 – 16 (NKJV)** – “¹⁵ See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, ¹⁶ redeeming the time, because the days are evil.”
- **REFERENCE #3** = _____: **Lamentations 3:22 – 23 (NKJV)** – “²² Through the LORD’s mercies we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not. ²³ They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness.”
- Today, we will look at the Law of _____. There’s an old saying that says, “Opportunity knocked on the door, but no one answered because it was dressed in overalls.” Opportunity looks like hard work. **Proverbs 13:11 (NKJV)** – “Wealth gained by dishonesty will be diminished, but he who gathers by labor will increase.” The **Complete Jewish Bible** says it this way... **Proverbs 13:11 (CJB)** - “Wealth gotten by worthless means dwindles away, but he who amasses it by hard work will increase it.”
- Notice that this verse talks about discipline in terms of increase. It says in order to get _____, you have to _____ hard. The only way people _____ hard is if they’re _____. So often we find that it’s always so much easier to be lazy rather than work hard.
- The Law of _____ is in operation regardless of workplace, boss, or task! We can unintentionally slip into DECREASE because of the lack of DISCIPLINE.

• **DISCIPLINE: is having the ability to do what you have to do when you don’t want to do it.**

• **ONE IMPORTANT FACTOR ABOUT _____ IS THAT YOU CAN’T DELEGATE IT.**

DISCIPLINE INVOLVES DILIGENCE AND DEDICATION:

- **DILIGENCE** = simply hard work! **DEDICATION** = a devoting or setting aside for a particular purpose; self-sacrificing devotion and loyalty; required hard work and dedication.
- **The PRACTICE of SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINE reveals the concept of _____: Read 1 Timothy 4:6 – 16 (NKJV)** Stay on track in your responsibilities of life and leadership is not easy. There are four (4) things that always come at you:
 - (#1) – _____ who try to **DIVERT** you: “They tell what you **SHOULD** be doing.”
 - (#2) – _____ that try to **DISCOURAGE** you: “You **CAN’T** do this.”
 - (#3) – _____ that **DISTRACT** you: “You’ don’t have **TIME** for this.”
 - (#4) – _____ that **DISAPPOINT** you: “You’re not sure it will **WORK** if you do this.”
 - It is easier to let life happen, be lazy and lackluster about life, than to be _____ and _____ to making increase and impact with you life. Here are some keys:
 - **1st KEY = BE AN EXAMPLE – (5 Specific Areas of Example): (1 Timothy 4:12)**

 - **2nd KEY = HAVE A STRONG DEVOTIONAL HABIT (1 Timothy 4:13)** – This means two things (1) _____ and (2) _____.
 - **3rd KEY = MANAGE WELL YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS – (1 Timothy 4:14).**
- **THREE DIMENSIONS OF DISCIPLINE THAT EVERY CHRISTIANS HAS TO HAVE:** (1) _____ DISCIPLINE – **Proverbs 4:23 (NKJV)** (How? Prayer, Praise, Pursuit by the exercise of our Faith and Focus)
 (2) _____ DISCIPLINE – **Romans 12:2 (NKJV)** (How? *Study, Select* [your thoughts – Philippians 4:8], *Strategize* [taking God’s word and preparing for your vulnerable moments takes strategy.] (3) _____ DISCIPLINE – (How? Pray often, Worship often, Serve often, Give often, Love often, Forgive often).

DISCIPLINE AND DILIGENCE:

- **DILIGENCE** simply means hard work! Vision is not for the idle. Ministry is not for the lazy.
- Progress and _____ calls for a pressing. Every prize demands a press! **Read Proverbs 11:18 (MSG); Proverbs 12:24 (MSG); Proverbs 14:23 (MSG); Ecclesiastes 10:18 (NKJV); Proverbs 10:4 (NKJV); Proverbs 12:24 (NKJV); Luke 10:7 (NKJV)**

