



GETTING SOMEWHERE BY THE END OF THE YEAR

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It is my sincere desire that all of us progress, advance, move forward, go from glory to glory continuously. None of us should stagnate and remain dormant. At the end of 2005 none of us should find ourselves still stationed where we are today. The message is purposely directed towards helping all of us move forward this year.

Here are 7 things to do to help you progress in all areas of your life in 2005.

1. DEFINE YOUR FAITH GOALS

Determine God's direction for your life. Romans 12:2 Ephesians 5:10,17

Listen to the Spirit.

Set realistic goals to move towards fulfilling God's purpose for your life.

Take measurable steps this year.

Faith Goals are goals based on what you believe you can accomplish with God's help and because of the promises in His Word.

Practical examples for Professional, Business owner, minister, student, home maker.

Create separate goals for different areas of your life:

- Ø Personal walk with God
- Ø Marriage/Family
- Ø Ministry
- Ø Career/Business/Education
- Ø Personal Life : Personal Finances, Personal Health, Personal Disciplines

2. DEVELOP A ROAD MAP

Determine how you are going to get there, how are you going to accomplish your faith goals.

Develop your plan of action

Get counsel if required.

Proverbs 24:3,4 Proverbs 4:26,

3. BUILD YOUR FAITH

Hebrews 11:1

Faith is specific. Faith operates when there are things being hoped for or desired for.

Romans 10:17

Mathew 9:29

4. SPEAK YOUR FAITH

Romans 4:17

God gives life to the dead. God calls things that do not exist as though they did.



Amos 3:3

If we want to walk together with God, we must be in agreement with God.

If I want to walk with God, I've got to be a person who sees life in the midst of death, and who calls what does not exist as though it already did – because this is the way God operates.

Never call something dead that God wants to give life to. Ezekiel 37:1-14

Call things into existence by speaking words of faith.

Overcome negative thoughts of failure, discouragement by continually speaking your faith.

5. WORK YOUR FAITH

1 Thessalonians 1:3 2 Thessalonians 1:11,12

Faith works, love labours and hope is patient.

1 Corinthians 15:10

Grace cannot do what you must do by your works of faith.

Works cannot do what you must receive by grace.

By not doing the works that I am required to do, the grace of God given to me can go in vain, i.e. become wasted.

6. DEVELOP ENDURANCE

Luke 14:28-30

Hebrews 6:12 Hebrews 12:1,2

Most things do not come into fruition overnight.

Be consistent. Consistency is where the power is.

7. ADAPT AS NECESSARY

Go with the wind of the Spirit John 3:5

Be willing to change your roadmap, without compromising the original vision and intent.

We may face detours, delays, changes in the methods – and we must be willing to adapt.

Our unwillingness to change can prove costly with unnecessary delays and perhaps even in the aborting of the vision that God has birthed in us.

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