



Moving On To Higher Realms Sunday December 30, 2007

Our Goal is Christlikeness

Matthew 10:25,26

Jesus is our standard. We must refuse to settle down at the present standards we have, at the level we are at in our journey with God.

We must continue to pursue Christlikeness in both character and ministry.

2 Corinthians 3:18

God desires to take us to new levels of glory.

There is more to God, to prayer, to the work of the Spirit, to the Word than what we have experienced till now.

Learn from those who are at higher levels spiritually.

Imitate them. Follow their example. 1 Corinthians 4:16; 11:1

Two reasons why we must move on to new realms in God:

1. This is God's design. 2 Corinthians 3:18 tells us that in this present life God has ordained for us to be changed from glory to glory.
2. Godliness is profitable for all things. 1 Timothy 4:8 Growing up to new spiritual levels will bring benefit to all areas of our life here on earth.

What hinders us from moving on to new realms in God:

1. Complacency: This is spiritual laziness.
2. Comfort: We get comfortable with the level we are at. To move to a new level we must allow God to stretch us – and stretching is never easy.
3. Compromise: We substitute the real thing with other things and ease our conscience with this. Example, in ministry instead of moving on to new levels of Spirit's power in miracles, signs and wonders, we settle with showing videos, great music, illustrated sermons, etc. While these are not wrong, they should not become substitutes for the real thing of moving into higher realms in ministry.

What is required to move on to new realms in God:

1. Discipline : 1 Timothy 4:7 we need to exercise ourselves in godliness. Growing up in spiritual things is very much like exercising. It requires discipline.
2. Consistency: We must continue in what we do, consistently. 1 Timothy 4:15,16
3. Press past your limits: Too often we put limits on ourselves which God never put on us. God never said that we can only pray for 30 minutes. God never said you can read His Word only for 20 minutes. God never said that you cannot change certain behavior patterns. These are limits we have put on ourselves. Lets press past them.

The coming move of God:

The Church is a process of restoration (Acts 3:21). Since the dark ages (1400 A.D.), God has restored all the fundamental doctrines and truths to the Church. He has also restored the five-



fold ministry offices (Ephesians 4:11). We are in Ephesians 4:12. The next great move of God is "the Saints Movement", where all God's people will be equipped and released to do the work of the ministry in all the world.

So don't get left behind. Move on into higher realms in God, get equipped and get ready for the coming move of God.

Moving to higher realms as a church:

As a local church, we are also moving on into higher realms.

The local church should not stagnate, else it will become a breeding ground for disease and mosquitoes.

There are stages of growth and development that a local church normally goes through, if it continues to progress into higher realms. The following is adapted from the book "Apostolic Strategies", by Dr. Jonathan David:

1. Pioneering Stage : establish commitment to a territory
2. Administrative Stage : establish well defined systems and processes.
3. Pastoral Team Stage / Team Ministry / Senior Pastor Stage : Establish a leadership team. The founding pastor moves into a Senior Pastor role.
4. Equipping Stage/Building Stage / Trainer Stage : Focus on equipping the saints. Emphasis on supernatural ministry. Release of the prophetic.
5. Apostolic Function Stage: Establish an apostolic mindset. Outward focused rather than a focus on internal care. All other processes in place to continue to equip the saints.



USEFUL RESOURCES

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DAILY DEVOTIONALS: <https://apcwo.org/resources/daily-devotional>

JESUS CHRIST: <https://examiningjesus.com>

BIBLE COLLEGE: <https://apcbiblecollege.org>

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WEEKEND SCHOOLS: <https://apcwo.org/ministries/weekend-schools>

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