



# The Spirit of Increase: Understanding Biblical Prosperity

## Session 5: The Law of Increase

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### I. Review

#### A. The God of Increase: *God is all about increase.*

##### Psalm 115:12-16

**NKJV** “The LORD has been mindful of *us*; He will bless us; He will bless the house of Israel; He will bless the house of Aaron. He will bless those who fear the LORD, *Both* small and great. **May the LORD give you increase more and more, You and your children.** *May you be* blessed by the LORD, Who made heaven and earth. The heaven, *even* the heavens, *are* the LORD’s; But the earth He has given to the children of men.”

#### B. Previous Session’s Emphasis:

##### 1. We must be positioned for increase.

- a. Keep covenant with God.
- b. Walk in obedience.
- c. Give God’s word first place.
- d. Hard work and diligence.
- e. Give to God—honor God with your finances.

### II. The Law of Increase

*There are spiritual laws that govern how the Kingdom of God works. If we fail to understand and apply these spiritual principles, we cannot partake of kingdom blessings.*

*Increase is a blessing of the Kingdom!*

*We must apply the spiritual kingdom laws of increase if we are to reap the harvest of increase in our life.*

#### A. **Mark 4:24-25**—*The law of increase that applies to everything relating to the Kingdom of God.*

**NKJV** “Then He said to them, ‘Take heed what you hear. With the same measure you use, it will be measured to you; and to you who hear, more will be given. For whoever has, to him more will be given; but whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him’.”



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### 1. This law governs EVERYTHING in the kingdom.

a. “...take heed what you hear...”

- **NIV** “Consider carefully what you hear.”
- **NLT** “Pay close attention to what you hear.”
- **NASB** “Take care what you listen to.”

**PASTOR’S NOTE:** *We must not allow our ears to incline toward every doctrine or belief system. Once we clearly see something in the Word of God, we need to stop feeding from sources that contradict that revelation.*

**PASTOR’S PERSONAL APPROACH:** *I guard continually against any media sources that contradict what I have seen in the Word regarding healing, faith, and prosperity. I also stand guard against sources that stir debate or confusion regarding what I see clearly in the Word. **This is TAKING HEED of WHAT YOU HEAR!***

b. “...with the same measure you use, it will be measured to you...”

- **Mark 4:24b**  
**AMPC** “The measure [of thought and study] you give [to the truth you hear] will be the measure [of virtue and knowledge] that comes back to you—and more [besides] will be given to you *who hear*”

**PASTOR’S NOTE:** *This law says: “**WE control the level of increase.**” I can control the level by which things come back to me. How? By controlling the **level of interest and attention** I give to spiritual things, I am setting the control on the level of return that I will receive!*

- Increase is available to **ALL** in the Kingdom!
- Increase doesn’t come to **ALL** on the same level.
- The **LEVEL** of **INCREASE** is not controlled by God, but it is determined by us in the way we give attention to spiritual things.



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#### 2. Understand the significance of hearing!

a. **Luke 6:46-49**

**NKJV** “But why do you call Me ‘Lord, Lord,’ and not do the things which I say? Whoever comes to Me, and hears My sayings and does them, I will show you whom he is like: He is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently against that house, and could not shake it, for it was founded on the rock. **But he who heard and did nothing** is like a man who built a house on the earth without a foundation, against which the stream beat vehemently; and immediately it fell. And the ruin of that house was great.”

b. Both men **heard** the same word.

c. Each man **treated** the word differently.

d. **How** they treated the word made the **difference** in what they **received**.

e. One man **heard** and practiced the word he had received. (Verse 46)

f. The other man represents those who **hear but** do nothing.

#### B. Increase is directly connected to how you treat what you have already received.

*Since everything in the Kingdom comes to us by revelation, our increase is connected to how we treat the revelation that He has given to us.*

**Kenneth E. Hagin:** “It is dangerous to come up to revelation and walk away from it.”

#### 1. The #1 way to position yourself for the spirit of increase is to honor God’s Word for your life NOW.

a. Don’t be concerned with God speaking to you about your future until you have first fully given yourself to what He has already said.

b. You know you value what God has said when you give attention and action to what He said.

c. The Psalmist in Psalm 119

- **Psalm 119:15-16 NKJV** “I will meditate on Your precepts, And contemplate Your ways. I will delight myself in Your statutes; I will not forget Your word.”



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- **Psalm 119:33-34 NKJV** “Teach me, O Lord, the way of Your statutes, And I shall keep it to the end. Give me understanding, and I shall keep Your law; Indeed, I shall observe it with *my* whole heart.”

**PASTOR’S NOTE:** Notice David’s declarations in the above verses:

- “If you **teach me your WORD**, I will **keep** it to the end...”
- “**Give me understanding**, and I will **keep** it...”
- “I will **OBSERVE** your **WORD** with my **whole** heart...”
- **Psalm 119:89-93 NKJV** “Forever, O Lord, Your word is settled in heaven. Your faithfulness *endures* to all generations; You established the earth, and it abides. They continue this day according to Your ordinances, For all *are* Your servants. Unless Your law *had been* my delight, I would then have perished in my affliction. I will never forget Your precepts, For by them You have given me life.”
- **Psalm 119:97 NKJV** “Oh, how I love Your law! It is my meditation all the day. You, through Your commandments, make me wiser than my enemies; For they *are* ever with me.”
- **Psalm 119:148 NKJV** “My eyes are awake through the *night* watches, That I may meditate on Your word.”
- **Psalm 119:162 NKJV** “I rejoice at Your word As one who finds great treasure.”

**PASTOR’S NOTE:** The Psalmist **LOVED** the Word, **HONORED** the Word, **ESTEEMED** the Word, and **OBEYED** the Word. **This** is the person who will reap the harvest of increase!

- The person who **desires** to hear the will of God
- The person who **meditates** in the will of God
- The person who has a **heart to obey** the will of God.

To the one who has, more shall be given. To the one who doesn’t have, even what he has will be taken away. The one who **VALUES** and **ESTEEMS** the things of God... **INCREASES**. The one who places **little** or **no value** on the things of God... **DECREASES**.



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#### C. Practice honoring God's Word / instruction.

*You prove how interested you are in the things of God when you become a doer of the revelation He has given to you. **Action says:** "I am interested." **No action says:** "I am not interested."*

##### 1. The Tithe: Why is it so significant?

a. God desires it.

- **Malachi 3:10-11**

**NKJV** "...bring all the tithes into the storehouse, That there may be food in My house, And try Me now in this,' Says the Lord of hosts, 'If I will not open for you the windows of heaven And pour out for you *such* blessing That *there will not be room enough to receive it*. And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, So that he will not destroy the fruit of your ground, Nor shall the vine fail to bear fruit for you in the field,' Says the Lord of hosts..."

b. It is God's **provision in the earth** for **ministry**.

**PASTOR'S NOTE:** *When we do not participate in giving (tithes and offerings), we are saying to Him that we are not interested in His work in the earth.*

c. God's spiritual law connects financial **giving** to financial **receiving**.

**PASTOR'S NOTE:** *God declared **INCREASE** and **PROTECTION** for those who would obey Him in the tithe. Failure to be interested in His command regarding tithes and offerings cuts off the Spirit of Increase connected with these spiritual practices. How do you show that you are **REALLY** interested in His Word regarding the tithe? **YOU TITHE!***

*This is the **KEY LAW** that governs **EVERY** revelation God releases to us. We demonstrate our faith and interest in His commands through action—by **DOING** what He says.*

##### 2. Demonstrating interest in all that He says.

a. While we should always be interested in the things He reveals to us through the WORD, we should also pay attention to what He is personally saying to us by the Spirit.



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- b. Likewise, as a local church, we should give earnest attention to the things He says to us in our services and through our spiritual leaders.
- c. Things the Lord has emphasized at GFC:
  - **Pastor's illustration of using your Bible.**
  - **The challenge to speak the word aloud.**
  - **The challenge to pray the prayers of Paul.**
  - **The challenge to prepare and think ahead regarding offerings.**
  - **Praying in the Spirit.**
  - **Be in the Word every day.**

**PASTOR'S NOTE:** Every time you **disregard** instruction (*especially when that instruction was made alive to you*), you are inviting **DULL HEARING** into your life. Every time you **put into practice** the challenges you receive, you are inviting the Spirit of Increase to take you into **MORE**.

d. **Matthew 25:21**

**NKJV** "His lord said unto him, 'Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord'."

**NLT** "The master was full of praise. 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. **You have been faithful in handling this small amount, so now I will give you many more responsibilities.** Let's celebrate together!'"

**CEV** "'Wonderful!' his master replied. 'You are a good and faithful servant. **I left you in charge of only a little, but now I will put you in charge of much more.** Come and share in my happiness'."

**PASTOR'S NOTE:** The sure way to experience His increase is to give attention to everything He says—especially the "little" things. Often, the things He says to us that **we** consider to be small, insignificant, or optional are **KEY** to our future increase. It is best to develop a "following heart"—a heart to simply do what He says without overthinking it.



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**PASTOR'S NOTE (Cont.):** *Throughout the years, I have discovered that some of the smallest and seemingly insignificant things that God impressed me to do were **KEYS** to some of the **GREATEST ADVANCEMENTS!***

- Go buy the “Healing Bible”.
- Go pray for \_\_\_\_\_.
- Go to a specific service.
- Listen to a specific message.
- Give a specific seed.
- Sow into a specific ministry.

e. God draws us to see if we are **FOLLOWERS!**

- Moses’ attention was drawn to the burning bush for a day. However, God did nothing until Moses drew aside to go and see!
  - God is watching our response!
  - God is noticing how we react to His Word.
  - God sees our reverence to spiritual things—or lack thereof.
- **2 Chronicles 16:9**  
**AMP** “For the eyes of the LORD move to and fro throughout the earth so that He may support those whose heart is completely His.”