

# The Spirit of Increase: Understanding Biblical Prosperity

## Session 6: The Law of Increase • Part 2 of 2

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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. The Law of Increase:

- a. 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.

##### 2. **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’.”

**NIV** “consider carefully what you hear”

**NLT** “pay close attention to what you hear”

**NASB** “take care what you listen to”

- a. This law governs everything in the Kingdom.
- b. What we receive is connected to **what** and **how** we hear.
  - *How we treat the Word and other spiritual things.*
  - *How we respond to God.*
  - *Our desire level for spiritual things.*
- c. How the Spirit of Increase works **for us** is determined **by us**!
  - *Most people think God determines the level of increase we can receive (or how much we can “handle”). However, according to this spiritual*



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*law, we determine the level of increase based on how we handle what we have been given.*

**PASTOR'S NOTE:** *Why do some people seem to be uninterested in spiritual things? God is not a respecter of persons, that is, He is not deciding to give some revelation while keeping others in the dark. Why do some people continue to grow and increase in spiritual things, while others seem to never move any farther than basic salvation?*

## II. THE LAW OF INCREASE (Continued from Previous Session)

### A. Zechariah 4:9-10

**NKJV** "The hands of Zerubbabel Have laid the foundation of this temple; His hands shall also finish *it*. Then you will know That the Lord of hosts has sent Me to you. For who has despised the day of small things? For these seven rejoice to see The plumb line in the hand of Zerubbabel. They are the eyes of the Lord, Which scan to and fro throughout the whole earth."

**GWT** "Who despised the day when little things began to happen? They will be delighted when they see the plumb line in Zerubbabel's hand."

**NLT** "Do not despise these small beginnings, for the Lord rejoices to see the work begin, to see the plumb line in Zerubbabel's hand."

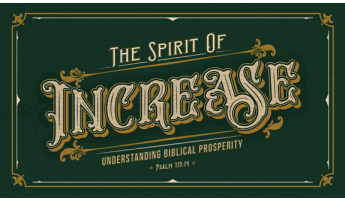
1. **"Despise"** = To hold as insignificant or to lightly esteem.

**PASTOR'S NOTE:** *We must never lightly esteem anything the Lord is doing, even if it seems small or insignificant. Paying attention to the little details or seemingly insignificant things is likely the key to continued increase!*

### B. Increase begins by honoring the little! *Paying attention to the small things with God opens the door of increase into bigger things!*

#### 1. Personal Revelation and the Lack of Hunger

- a. We have determined that personal hunger and pursuit of God determines what we receive from Him.
- b. Why do some experience an increase in hunger while some remain uninterested?



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**PASTOR'S NOTE:** *The issue may be traced back to how they responded to God in the small beginnings. When God begins to draw us to Himself with the plan to increase, grow, and mature us, He does so by drawing us with simple leadings to seek Him in prayer, the Word, church attendance, serving, etc. How we **TREAT** those leadings determines if we receive other leadings from Him **OR** how we treat the initial hunger / desire for spiritual things determines if that hunger will increase—or decrease—over time.*

- c. The person who is hungry and interested in the things of God is one who is responding to God's drawings, although they may be extremely small in the beginning.
- d. The person who demonstrates NO desire for spiritual growth or further INCREASE of revelation is the person who most likely lightly esteemed the DRAWING of God toward spiritual things (failing to yield to them).
  - The RESULT = diminished desire, little interest, no increase of spiritual things.
  - Take note of how ELISHA responded to ELIJAH.

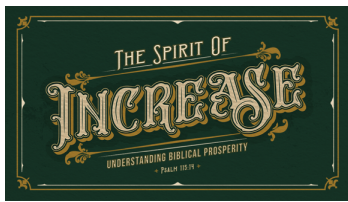
#### C. Luke 16: 10-12

**NKJV** "He who *is* faithful in *what is* least is faithful also in much; and he who is unjust in *what is* least is unjust also in much. Therefore if you have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches? And if you have not been faithful in what is another man's, who will give you what is your own?"

**NLT** "If you are faithful in little things, you will be faithful in large ones. But if you are dishonest in little things, you won't be honest with greater responsibilities. And if you are untrustworthy about worldly wealth, who will trust you with the true riches of heaven? And if you are not faithful with other people's things, why should you be trusted with things of your own?"

**AMPC** "He who is faithful in a very little [thing] is faithful also in much, and he who is dishonest *and* unjust in a very little [thing] is dishonest *and* unjust also in much."

1. God watches to see what we will do with "*the little*"!
2. How we treat "*the little*" determines what will be given to us next.



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3. The Law of Increase is at work in those who know what to do with “*the little*”.

**PASTOR’S NOTE:** *This principle may be applied to everything.*

- *What we do with a little drawing from the Lord to approach Him.*
- *What we do with a little leading of the Lord to obey Him.*
- *What we do with our little finances from the Lord (tithing).*
- *What we do with a little promotion from the Lord.*
- *What we do with a little breakthrough.*
- *What we do with a little revelation from the Lord in the Word.*
- *What we do with a little opportunity to serve.*
- *What we do with a little opportunity to lead.*

**WHAT WE DO WITH THE LITTLE THINGS DETERMINES HOW THE SPIRIT OF INCREASE COMES TO US.**

### III. PASTOR DALE’S PERSONAL TESTIMONY OF HOW GOD BEGAN TO DRAW HIM TO HIMSELF AND INTO THE MINISTRY

1. God will draw you (invite you) to Himself to see how you respond.
2. God will meet you in your response.
3. This process of CALL and RESPONSE will continue with you for the rest of your life as a KEY FEATURE of future increase and growth.
  - a. **Call to Prayer**
  - b. **Call to the Word** (*reading, meditating, listening, watching, attending*)
  - c. **Call to Give**
  - d. **Call to Serve**
  - e. **Call to Bless**

**PASTOR’S NOTE:** *EVERY time we respond by yielding to His leadings, we are set-up for the SPIRIT OF INCREASE to work in our lives.*