

Progress

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I. Introduction.

A. The idea of a little one becoming a thousand motivates and is one of the greatest spirits one can have. (Isaiah 60:22)

B. Subject: how a small group can make an impact. (1 Corinthians 9)

II. What a small group must do to make an impact.

A. Have a worthy goal. The goal for the ministry is to produce worthy laborers that can spark a movement.

B. Compete to win.

C. Exercise self-control.

D. Make progress.

III. You must make progress.

A. Most Christians do not have an aim in their lives.

B. If we are going to become significant for God, we must make progress in all areas of our life.

C. Progress is the purpose of life.

1. Things that tore us up previously should not tear us up in the future. (Romans 5)

2. Make a permanent difference in at least one life. If the lost are not saved and the saved are not built up, our ministry is in vain. (2 Corinthians 5:11)

D. Progress is basic to life itself.

E. Making progress is basic to leadership.

1. Leadership is setting goals and making progress.

2. One needs to find what his prime priorities are.

a. Love is a big one in the home.

b. Love binds and builds up.

3. Setting goals is central to making progress.

IV. Progress as related to the ministry.

A. It is better to be understaffed because the goal is to build men and it stretches men to be creative.

B. A system of planning objectives and measuring progress needs to be developed.

C. A new approach to Scripture memory needs to be developed.

V. Conclusion: pray through the day backwards with a view to making progress.

Application questions

1. Why is progress key to making an impact?

2. How does one make progress? What role do goals and objectives have in this?

3. What goals do you have for your ministry? List some new goals or revisit some old ones and develop some objectives to obtain those goals.
