

## **THE GOD OF INCREASE**

The God of increase is amazing because God wants to give us the increase; not just money but the dimension of God which is the answer to every need that we face. We must know what we have or else we cannot win. God has promised us to position our lives in accuracy. If we are not accurate, and tell lies in our witnessing, God will reject us as witness. If we speak what we saw, God will use us as witness.

The more we are cleansed in our heart, the more God will fill. When increase takes place, we will be ready for the task. We may not be able to do certain things but in Christ we can do it. The devil has no part in what God is doing.

*Act 11:19 So then those who were scattered because of the persecution that occurred in connection with Stephen made their way to Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to no one except to Jews alone.*

Because of persecution people are scattered everywhere. When God raise us up, amazing things will happen in our life.

Increase happens when we continue with what we know. Much is given, much is required. If we work with what we have, we will not lose it. Use what we have, multiply and grow it.

### **1. The increase happens when we start doing what we know.**

The disciples went everywhere seeking the word. They continued what they started in Jerusalem. If we continue with what we know, we will not lose it. Every day when we wake up, we do what we already know; brushing teeth, washing the face. If we don't do these simple things, we will not be increasing and letting go certain disciplines. The God of increase will increase this great measure when we continue what we know.

Whatever we know especially things that are good, keep practicing it because it will make us strong and make us better. This is how God increases in our lives. If we stop doing what we know, it will become rusty and ineffective. We must start doing what we know. Every miracle starts with what we have. All the great results happen because of what we know.

If we do evangelism every day, we will become better and know the answers and how to talk to the people and set people free.

*Act 11:20* But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who came to Antioch and began speaking to the Greeks also, preaching the Lord Jesus.

## **2. The increase happens when we break people limitation**

It is always the some of them that makes the difference for all. Sometimes culture prevents us from moving forward because some cultures think badly of another culture. We must learn to appreciate people who are different.

The first time it may be difficult but as we break people limitation, it will become easier and we will then volunteer to do it. The Samaritans don't talk to the Jews but the lady at the well broke the limitation and started to talk to Jesus.

The God factor must increase or else we fear people who are at a higher level or ranking. Everyone is a human being.

*Act 11:21* And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a large number who believed turned to the Lord.

## **3. If we want to have the God of increase, the hand of God must come heavy upon our lives.**

A lot of people believe but their face shows something else. We must believe and our heart must also be towards God. Let our heart turn to the Lord.

Instructions must be given during trainings. During the game, that's not the time to increase instructions. Increase our prayer, reading of the bible, breaking people limitation and we will find ourselves getting better. We must retrain our mind or even cross train our mind. Take our thoughts and break it such as fear of heights or phobia. If we break the fear, a whole new dimension will be opened up.

*Act 11:22* The news about them reached the ears of the church at Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas off to Antioch.

*Act 11:23* Then when he arrived and witnessed the grace of God, he rejoiced and began to encourage them all with resolute heart to remain true to the Lord;

*Act 11:24* for he was a good man, and full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And considerable numbers were brought to the Lord.

**4. If we want to see the God of increase, we must have good leaders who can take us across**

They will be able to see us and take us through. There are people watching us all the time. If we can work with people and teach them, we can mature the people. We must believe God for good leaders to train us. Be trained so that we can become effectively involved. When we don't have good leaders, we can't become good followers.

Each one of us must think of how to become a life changer. Leadership should not be static and doing the same thing again and again throughout our whole life. Train others and raise others for new things to happen.

*Act 11:25 And he left for Tarsus to look for Saul;*

*Act 11:26 and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. And for an entire year they met with the church and taught considerable numbers; and the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch.*

**5. Increase happens when we are ready to see team leadership breaking into the church.**

Success is not a solo project. Success is together. The God of increase must hit our minds and change the way we think. When we are ready, God will add other dimensions in our life.

*Act 11:29 And in the proportion that any of the disciples had means, each of them determined to send a contribution for the relief of the brethren living in Judea.*

*Act 11:30 And this they did, sending it in charge of Barnabas and Saul to the elders.*

God is increasing our stature and precision. Don't say we cannot. Break limitations and teach our children to break limitations. Don't hide them in the room and neither let them lose until they run wild. Teach them how to talk to the adults. Move our children fast forward.