

HOW TO ADVANCE IN YOUR SPHERE OF INFLUENCE By Lucinda Davidoff

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The kingdom of God is ever increasing

Isaiah 9:7 “Of the increase of *his* government and peace *there shall be* no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.”

That means that we should always be increasing in every area of our lives in our families, in our business, in relationships with those around us, in our ministries. We can never shrink back.

How do we stay in the midst of this increasing KINGDOM?

The Zeal of the Lord will perform it!! God is actively driving forward His Kingdom, even when we do not see it, or feel it... God's kingdom is increasing!

My question is: Are you increasing with Him? Are you actively increasing with Him?

HAVE A GOD VISION INSIDE YOU:

There is nothing that drives and propels YOU forward like vision.

A clear VISION is what sets those apart that advance from those that maintain and go backward.

If you cannot articulate your vision in a particular area of your life, or your life's purpose or a relationship vision you wouldn't consistently be taking steps forward or advancing.

Once you have a vision the next steps become obvious.

Articulate your VISION and understand your next steps.

Habbakuk 2:2 Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that reads it

if you cannot articulate the vision - you will not be able to run

You may think I don't have a vision. I don't know what my vision is, what do I write down...

This reminds me of David a young shepherd boy- when his nation faced a national crisis- they were at war with the philistines - their lives were at stake for the nation of Israel. The enemy was taunting them saying YOU WILL BECOME OUR SLAVES!

The only alternative to increasing and growing in the kingdom is becoming or remaining a SLAVE of the ENEMY!

1 Sam 17:8 Then he stood and cried out to the armies of Israel, and said to them, "Why have you come out to line up for battle? Am I not a Philistine, and you the servants of Saul? Choose a man for yourselves, and let him come down to me. **9** If he is able to fight with me and kill me, then we will be your servants. But if I prevail against him and kill him, then you shall be our servants and serve us." **10** And the Philistine said, "I defy the armies of Israel this day; give me a man, that we may fight together." **11** When Saul and all Israel heard these words of the Philistine, they were dismayed and greatly afraid.

How is the enemy taunting you today? What is he saying to you that you cannot do or cannot overcome?

And yet not one person in that army had a God vision! Not one could ARISE- they were all too afraid

But a young shepherd boy came along and he already had a vision in his heart of a VICTORIOUS, CONQUERING GOD, and therefore a VICTORIOUS CONQUERING NATION.

The VISION had become Him.

The Vision has to become who you are!

David would spend hours meditating on WHO GOD IS. He would worship Him, when he was alone, and rejected by His family. When he was unseen, he would run to GOD and know that God saw Him. When he was broken, he would sing to the Lord until he was healed. He KNEW God intimately.

When the bears came and the lions, God would stir his heart to defend the sheep, and David would ARISE in the power and anointing of His God and slay the lion and kill the bear.

But NOW, stirred by the apathy of his people asks “who is this uncircumcised philistine that defies the armies of the living God?

And as the spirit of David is being stirred to ARISE.

Are you stirred by the APATHY around you and will YOU ARISE even if you are the ONLY ONE?

David's oldest brother Eliab is offended at the Spirit arising in David and starts accusing him of pride.

1 Sam 17:28 Now Eliab his oldest brother heard when he spoke to the men; and Eliab's anger was aroused against David, and he said, “Why did you come down here? And with whom have you left those few sheep in the wilderness? I know your pride and the insolence of your heart, for you have come down to see the battle.”

29 And David said, “What have I done now? *Is there not a cause?*”

When you arise be aware that not everyone will be cheering you on. Not everyone will see God vision as you see it

David says is there not a cause and he was talking about the cause of the kingdom is there not a cause that was when goliath came to taunt the Israelites

My question to you today is: Is there not a cause for you TO ARISE this conference to GET UP in faith and do what God is calling you to do?

Is there not a cause for you to walk away from drugs?

Is there not a cause to cry out to God and ask Him to deliver you from pornography?

Is there not a CAUSE for you to be FREE so that your CHILDREN can be free?

Is there not a CAUSE for you to fight for your MARRIAGE?

WHAT IS OUR CAUSE?? WHAT IS YOUR CAUSE? Is it greater than yourself.....me myself and I?

Matthew 28:18 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” ^[b]Amen.

that should be a primary vision AND primary CAUSE

Wimbledon example: Matteo Berrettini (Italy) was playing Hubert Hurkacz from Poland in the semi finals and he won.

When they interviewed him he said that he hadn't even dreamed of winning the semi finals in a grand slam as that dream itself was too big for him to dream. He didn't think it would be possible.

Here we have a young man that has all the potential in the world to be a grand slam winner and yet HE DOESN'T BELIEVE.

You have to believe that you CAN do it in Christ.....you have to carry that God Vision in your spirit, it has to be who you are in order for you to BE that GIANT SLAYER.

The feeling of unworthiness has to be broken over you.

UNWORTHINESS can come from coming from a humble family, or small country, UNWORTHINESS can come from shame, or SIN that you've been trapped in.

You have to believe that God has made you worthy!

You deserve a healed marriage- don't settle for a broken one- fight the fight of faith for a healed marriage.

Ministry example: When we started a church in Newport Beach California, God challenged me and asked me, do you believe you can do this Lucinda? It doesn't matter if other people believe in you. You have to believe that you can do it. If God has called you, surely he has equipped you!

No more excuses

John 5:1 After this there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. **2** Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, which is called in Hebrew, Bethesda, having five porches. **3** In these lay a great multitude of sick people, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water. **4** For an angel went down at a certain time into the pool and stirred up the water; then whoever stepped in first, after the stirring of the water, was made well of whatever disease he had. **5** Now a certain man was there who had an infirmity thirty-eight years. **6** When Jesus saw him lying there, and knew that he already had been *in that condition* a long time, He said to him, "Do you want to be made well?"

7 The sick man answered Him, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; but while I am coming, another steps down before me."

8 Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your bed and walk." **9** And immediately the man was made well, took up his bed, and walked.

Jesus has paid the price for you to walk in VICTORY. He has given you every tool you need to succeed. He is even telling you to RISE UP, take up your bed and WALK!

What excuse are you giving Him today?

Get rid of your excuses, ask for forgiveness and RISE UP.

Talking about it is not doing it

What are you doing in THIS next week to fulfil your vision or do what God is calling you to do. If you are not practically DOING what it takes to prepare yourself, activate your vision, connect with the right people and take a step of faith to do it, then you are NOT doing it.

Just because you did it once or in the past does not mean you're living it today.

What are you doing NOW to fulfil your vision?

Example: Mentoring a group of girls at the children's home.

It's all about perspective, Through what lense do you see your reality
Walking in His calling is easy. Jesus has done all the hard work for us, we just have to yield to the Spirit. If you think it's hard it will be hard...

Matthew 11:30 “For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

Romans 1:17 “*For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.*”

Galatians 3:11 “*But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: for, The just shall live by faith.*”

Hebrews 10:38 “*Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, My soul shall have no pleasure in him.*”

Hebrews 11:1 says, “*Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.*” What this means is that, even though we have no direct evidence for something, we can have faith that it is true anyway.

Learn through failure

When you fail, ask God to show you how you could have done things differently.

Break the cycle of SIN and FAILURE by learning through your mistakes. Be humble and ask God to give you revelation on how to walk through your failure.

How to say sorry according to Matthew 18, but then to move on and know once you have repented you don't have to be a martyr for your sins. Jesus paid the price.

Connection is key

You can never advance in the kingdom as a lone ranger. God has created us to function within the body of the local church and with those people he has strategically given us.

As we learn to harness and draw out the strengths of those around us, we become strengthened in our callings.

Connections are not so much getting from others what they have to give. Its more about giving to others to see them step into purpose and as the principle goes as you sow, you will reap.

Give without ANY expectations of getting back.

Acts 20:35 “It's more blessed to give than receive”

Matthew 10:8 Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give.