

Critical Decisions

Part I

Laying The Foundation For Greatness

Vision Has A Lot To Do With Our Perception Of What Greatness Really Is

It Is Important We Don't Bring Past Emotional Residue From Past Situations Into The New Season

Isaiah 42:9-Behold, the former things have come to pass, And new things I declare; Before they spring forth I tell you of them."

"The past is a mirror; it reflects our choices, not our worth."

Philippians 3:13,14-Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing *I do*, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, ¹⁴ I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

The Goal

There Will Always Be Resistance Between You And The Goal

2 Corinthians 4:16-Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward *man* is being renewed day by day.

You Cannot Get To The Goal In Your Flesh

Isaiah 43:18,19-Do not remember the former things, Nor consider the things of old. ¹⁹ Behold, I will do a new thing, Now it shall spring forth; Shall you not know it? I will even make a road in the wilderness *And* rivers in the desert.

"The past is a lesson, not a life sentence."

2 Corinthians 5:17-Therefore, if anyone *is* in Christ, *he is* a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

Psalms 103:12-As far as the east is from the west, *So* far has He removed our transgressions from us.

Romans 8:1-*There is* therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.

Matthew 5:6-Blessed *are* those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, For they shall be filled.

You Must Walk In Integrity

“In every goodbye, there’s a promise of a new hello.”

Purpose Always Gives Birth To Passion

Psalms 51:10-Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a steadfast spirit within me.

Don’t Be So Attached To Your Identity

Isaiah 40:31-But those who wait on the LORD Shall renew *their* strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint.

4 Ways To Move Toward Greatness

Rely On The Holy Spirit To Help You And Equip You

Colossians 1:29-To this *end* I also labor, striving according to His working which works in me mightily.

Romans 8:11-But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

Build On Past Successes And Learn From Past Failures

Failures Are Only Temporary Tests To Prepare You For Permanent Triumphs

Philippians 3:16-Nevertheless, to *the degree* that we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us be of the same mind.

Set New Goals

Proverbs 29:18-Where *there is* no revelation, the people cast off restraint; But happy *is* he who keeps the law.

What Is Vision?

Philemon 1:6-that the sharing of your faith may become effective by the acknowledgment of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus.

Expect The Holy Spirit To Bring Forth New Beginnings

Philippians 1:6-being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete *it* until the day of Jesus Christ;

You Have To Endure 3 Seasons

Season Of Development

Season Of Disclosure

Season of Delivery

You Have To Understand The Power Of Laying A Foundation For Greatness