

MAKING PROGRESS

Part 2: The Progress Process

IT'S NOT ABOUT PERFECTION

- There is a difference
 1. Progress = development, improvement, forward movement
 2. Perfection = the act of being unblemished and faultless
- Why we need a process
 1. Process = A series of actions, changes, or functions bringing about a result:
 2. Church and Bible reading are part of the process
- Two key areas in the process
 1. A change in words
 2. A change in thought patterns (***1 Timothy 4:15 NKJV***)

JOSHUA'S PATH TO PROGRESS (***Joshua 1:1-9 NKJV***)

- Joshua faced a massive job
 1. Replacing Moses - the most revered leader in all of Israel
 2. Leading millions of people into the land
- Joshua was given some amazing promises
 1. God had given them the land
 2. God would be with Joshua as He was with Moses
 3. No one would be able to stand against him
- Joshua was given instructions as to the process (actions, changes, functions to bring success)
 1. Be strong and courageous
 2. Don't let God's words depart from your mouth
 3. Meditate on God's words constantly
 4. Don't be afraid or discouraged

THE PROCESS TO MAKING PROGRESS

- A change in your words
 1. No longer "just sayin," words matter (***Proverbs 12:18 CSB***)
 2. Words are like seeds - what seeds are you planting?
 3. Words that work are words that agree with God's words (***Psalms 119:103 NKJV***)
- A change in your thoughts/mindset (***Romans 12:2 NLT***)
 1. Beginning to think in line with what scriptures say
 2. God told Joshua to meditate - if it worked for him, it will work for us
 3. This is an answer for fear and discouragement (***Hebrews 13:5-6 NLT***)