
The Spiritual Law of Gradual Increase

I want to explore one particular principle that's very important for success in your walk with God. That principle is found in Proverbs 13:11: "Wealth [not earned but] won in haste or unjustly or from the production of things for vain or detrimental use [such riches] will dwindle away, but he who gathers little by little will increase [his riches]" (AMP).

This verse is talking about the spiritual law of gradual increase. Actually, it is a physical law as well as a spiritual law. A seed planted in the ground doesn't just grow into a plant overnight.

Jesus said that the kingdom of heaven is like a tiny mustard seed that grows into a great tree with birds roosting on its branches (Mark 4:30-32). Well, mustard trees take a while to grow, and so do the things of God in our heart!

A Personal Testimony of Gradual Increase

From my own experience, I can tell you this: The day Ken and I found out that we could put God's Word to work in our lives and it would bring us success, our lives began to improve immediately, but our finances began to improve gradually. You could say "slowly but surely!"

It usually takes some time to set the blessing laws in motion when you have been operating in the world's system of finances all your life. It shouldn't be as slow for you as it was for us in the late sixties. There is so much more teaching available about God's laws of prosperity now than there was then.

At that time, Ken and I were many thousands of dollars in debt. Ken was thirty years old and a full-time student at Oral Roberts University. He had a family to support and no job.

We were in terrible shape financially and had been that way for a while. Then we learned that God wanted to prosper and bless us. As God's Word was revealed to us, we began to act on the Word regarding our finances and to speak God's Word into our situation.

We began to tithe first, before paying any bills or buying groceries. We began to give into the kingdom of God, as the Lord directed. The "seeds" we planted were small, but seeds were planted!

Although our financial crop didn't come immediately, we just began to increase little by little. And in about eleven months, we were totally out of debt! It seemed much slower than we wanted but, after all, it had taken years to create such a financially unsound situation.

Looking back now, only eleven months seems an understandable and even a miraculously short time to change a family's entire financial way of operating forever—a permanent change from defeat to victory!

Stay Steady Until the Increase Comes

That's how God normally operates in your life, not only financially but spiritually. You begin to increase in your walk with God a little at a time.

But if you're not careful, the increase won't be fast enough for your satisfaction, and you'll get discouraged. So when your answer seems slow in coming, just let the force of patience rise up within you. Keep on walking with God.

Remind yourself that both spiritual and natural blessings are constantly increasing in your life, however slow that

increase may seem. The book of Hebrews says through faith and patience we inherit the promises of God (Heb. 6:12).

Ken and I didn't get out of debt overnight, but we did get out of debt. We didn't purchase a nice home debt free overnight, but one day that dream actually came to pass. We just stayed steady and let the law of increase do its work in our lives.

And that spiritual law is still operating in our lives. We're still on the increase. And you will be, too, as long as you walk with God and obey His Word!

No matter what your level of faith is in your own spiritual walk, if you stay faithful to God's Word, you will keep increasing. That's the way the blessing of God works.

You'll never reach a point where God says, "I know you are still walking with Me, but that's all the increase you're going to get." As long as you walk with God and believe His Word, you will continue to increase spiritually and financially.

You become stronger. You receive more revelation. You understand more about your call and your destiny in God.

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