



Lesson #1

# 1 Corinthians 2:9-10 KJV

[9] But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. [10] But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.

The Holy Ghost said "BIG" means many things, but for our January focus it means 3 things:

**B** =BETTER **I** = INCREASE **G** =GREATER

# 2020 is a year of BETTER. It is a year of INCREASE and it is a year of GREATER.

# Isaiah 43:18-19 KJV

[18] Remember ye not the former things, neither consider the things of old. 19] Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert.

# A. New Thing = Chadash = FRESH

- PowerPoint: Because of the spirit of "NEWNESS" that God is working in this year, in order to be where God is, we are going to have to be willing to THINK outside of the box.
- > **PowerPoint:** New things begins with thinking new thoughts.

# Psalm 139:17-18 KJV

[17] How precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O God! how great is the sum of them! 18] If I should count them, they are more in number than the sand:

# Romans 11:33 KJV

[33] O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!

PowerPoint: God never runs out of new ideas, so if I am thinking is with the mind of Christ, I won't either.

Wherever you are serving or working, whether it be in ministry or in your secular vocation, it is a season of innovation. It is time to DO NEW THINGS, NEW WAYS.

> **PowerPoint:** Gods purpose is eternal, but his protocols are seasonal.

# B. 5 Reasons why Christians resist change:

### 1: Fear of the unknown

## 2: They are privileged

• "Segregation Today, Segregation tomorrow and Segregation forever!" ~George Wallace

### 3: They think they already know everything there is to know about God John 9:29-34 KJV

[29] We know that God spake unto Moses: as for this fellow, we know not from whence he is. 30] The man answered and said unto them, Why herein is a marvellous thing, that ye know not from whence he is, and yet he hath opened mine eyes. 31] Now we know that God heareth not sinners: but if any man be a worshipper of God, and doeth his will, him he heareth. 32] Since the world began was it not heard that any man opened the eyes of one that was born blind. 33] If this man were not of God, he could do nothing. 34] They answered and said unto him, Thou wast altogether born in sins, and dost thou teach us? And they cast him out.

#### 4: They perceive nothing new could be better than the past.

# 5: They want to remain exclusive

# Acts 10:34-35,43-45 KJV

[34] Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: 35] But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him. 43] To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins. 44] While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word. 45] And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost.

# C. The relationship between expectation and BIG.

If we are going to experience BIG in 2020, we are going to have to LIVE with a spirit of expectation.

**Expectation =** A STRONG BELIEF that something will happen or be the case in the future.

**Numbers 23:19 KJV -** God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it ? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?

In relationship to that promise HE gave us two important prerequisites:

# 1: DON'T DOUBT GOD.

# Matthew 21:21 KJV

[21] Jesus answered and said unto them, Verily I say unto you, If ye have faith, and doubt not, ye shall not only do this which is done to the fig tree, but also if ye shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; it shall be done.

# Romans 14:19-23 KJV

[19] Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another. 20] For meat destroy not the work of God. All things indeed are pure; but it is evil for that man who eateth with offence. 21] It is good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor any thing whereby thy brother stumbleth, or is offended, or is made weak. 22] Hast thou faith? have it to thyself before God. Happy is he that condemneth not himself in that thing which he alloweth. [23] And he that doubteth is damned if he eat, because he eateth not of faith: for whatsoever is not of faith is sin.

# 2: DO NOT ALLOW ANY WORD TO PROCEED OUT OF YOUR MOUTH THAT SOUNDS CONTRADICTORY TO GOD CONCERNING WHAT HE SAID CONCERNING YOU OR THIS CHURCH.

# Matthew 12:36-37 KJV

[36] But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. [37] For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.

**Expectation is:** A belief that someone will accomplish something.

Two things about this definition of the word expectation:

# I. God's going to finish what he started

# Philippians 1:1-6 KJV

[1] Paul and Timotheus, the servants of Jesus Christ, to all the saints in Christ Jesus which are at Philippi, with the bishops and deacons: 2] Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ. 3] I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, 4] Always in every prayer of mine for you all making request with joy, 5] For your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now; 6] Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:

# II. YOU are going to finish what you started......THIS YEAR. 1 Kings 6:11-14 KJV

[11] And the word of the Lord came to Solomon, saying, 12] Concerning this house which thou art in building, if thou wilt walk in my statutes, and execute my judgments, and keep all my commandments to walk in them; then will I perform my word with thee, which I spake unto David thy father:

> **PowerPoint:** BIG isn't going to happen just because we post it on a flyer or put it on a T-shirt:

- BIG is going to require obedience!
- Big is going to require consecration and separation:
- Big is going to require holiness.

#### Leviticus 10:8-9 KJV

[8] And the Lord spake unto Aaron, saying, 9] Do not drink wine nor strong drink, thou, nor thy sons with thee, when ye go into the tabernacle of the congregation, lest ye die: it shall be a statute for ever throughout your generations:

### Ephesians 5:18 KJV

[18] And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;

#### Leviticus 10:10-11 KJV

[10] And that ye may put difference between holy and unholy, and between unclean and clean; 11] And that ye may teach the children of Israel all the statutes which the Lord hath spoken unto them by the hand of Moses.

The prerequisites for BIG are in I Kings 6:12

#### I. If thou wilt walk in my statues

- Statutes = chuqqah
  - 1: Appointed
  - 2: Custom
  - 3: Manner
  - 4: Ordinance

#### 2: And execute my judgments:

Judgements = Misphat

- 1: Proper
- 2: Fitting
- 3: Measure
- 4: Fitness
- 5: Plan

# 3: And keep ALL MY COMMANDMENTS to walk in them.

Commandments = Mitzvah

- 1. Commandment (Of Man)
- 2. The Commandment (Of God)
- 3. Commandment (Of Code Of Wisdom)

#### 1 Kings 6:11-14 KJV

13] And I will dwell among the children of Israel, and will not forsake my people Israel. 14] So Solomon built the house, and finished it.

# WHAT GOD IS ABOUT TO DO IN 2020:

### Leviticus 26:1-12 KJV

[1] Ye shall make you no idols nor graven image, neither rear you up a standing image, neither shall ye set up any image of stone in your land, to bow down unto it: for I am the Lord your God. 2] Ye shall keep my sabbaths, and reverence my sanctuary: I am the Lord. [3] If ye walk in my statutes, and keep my commandments, and do them; 4] Then I will give you rain in due season, and the land shall yield her increase, and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit. [5] And your threshing shall reach unto the vintage, and the vintage shall reach unto the sowing time: and ye shall eat your bread to the full, and dwell in your land safely. 6] And I will give peace in the land, and ye shall lie down, and none shall make you afraid: and I will rid evil beasts out of the land, neither shall the sword go through your land. 7] And ye shall chase your enemies, and they shall fall before you by the sword. [8] And five of you shall chase an hundred, and an hundred of you shall put ten thousand to flight: and your enemies shall fall before you by the sword.

Ephesians 6:17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:

# Leviticus 26:1-12 KJV

9] For I will have respect unto you, and make you fruitful, and multiply you, and establish my covenant with you. 10] And ye shall eat old store, and bring forth the old because of the new. 11] And I will set my tabernacle among you: and my soul shall not abhor you. [12] And I will walk among you, and will be your God, and ye shall be my people.