

## **UPGRADING YOUR VISION**

### **Part 7: Making Progress**

#### **THE FIRST THINGS (*Judges 6:15-16 NKJ*)**

- A. Gideon speaks
  - 1. Out of the abundance of his heart
  - 2. Weakness is how Gideon saw himself
  - 3. The Lord was not dissuaded from using Gideon (*1 Samuel 16:7 NKJ*)
- B. When it comes to you, what is the first thing
  - 1. The first thing that comes to your mind?
  - 2. What is the first thing out of your mouth? (*Luke 6:45 NKJ*)
  - 3. What is in our mind and heart is our vision of ourselves
- C. Changing the treasure of our heart (what is in us)
  - 1. Focusing on our weak areas will not make us stronger (*Romans 8:6 NKJ*)
  - 2. Acknowledge what has been done in us in Christ (*Philemon 6 NKJ*)
  - 3. Acknowledge God's presence and help (*Hebrews 13:5-6 NKJ*)  
(*Romans 1:16-17 NKJ*)
  - 4. Repeat the above (*Proverbs 4:20-22 NKJ*)

#### **TWO IMPORTANT THINGS GIDEON DID TO MAKE PROGRESS**

- A. Changed his perspective of God (*Judges 6:22-24 NKJ*)
  - 1. His initial thought was God was against him
  - 2. He named the altar after his new vision of God
- B. Took scared steps (*Judges 6:25-27 NKJ*)
  - 1. He was too afraid to move by day - did it at night
- B. Upcoming year
  - 1. Change your vision of God
  - 2. Acknowledge your strengths in Christ
  - 3. Take steps in the right direction