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Haggai 2:8-9 "I promise you this: This new temple will be even more beautiful than the old temple in past times. Here in this place I will bless My people.' That is what the Almighty Lord says."

Isaiah 60:1 "Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you."

THREE STEPS TO ACHIEVE GOD'S BIGGER, BETTER PURPOSE

1. TO ACHIEVE GOD'S BIGGER, BETTER PURPOSE YOU MUST <u>ACT</u>.

YOU ARE REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE GOD'S BIGGER, BETTER PURPOSE. Genesis 3:17 God told Abraham to ARISE: "Arise, walk in the land through its length and its width, for I give it to you."

Deuteronomy 10:11 God told Moses to ARISE: "Then the LORD said to me, 'Arise, begin your journey before the people, that they may go in and possess the land which I swore to their fathers to give them."

Joshua 1:2 God told Joshua to ARISE: "Now therefore, arise, go over this Jordan, you and all this people, to the land which I am giving to them - the children of Israel."

Mark 2:10-12 Jesus told the paralyzed man to ARISE: "He said to the paralytic, 'I tell you, arise,

take your mat and go home.' He got up, took his mat and walked out in full view of them all. This amazed everyone and they praised God, saying, 'We have never seen anything like this!'"

Acts 22:10 God told Paul to ARISE: "The Lord said to me, 'Arise and go into Damascus, and there you will be told all things which are appointed for you to do."

Ephesians 5:14 "Therefore He says: Awake, you who sleep, **arise** from the dead, and Christ will give you light."

God feeds the sparrows, but He doesn't throw the food into their nest.

1 Corinthians 3:9 "For we are co-workers in God's service."

1 Peter 1:13 "Therefore, prepare your minds for **action**; be self-controlled; set your hope fully on the grace to be given you when Jesus Christ is revealed."

James 2:14-17 "What good is it if you say you have faith but don't show it by your **actions**? Faith by itself isn't enough. Unless it produces good deeds, it is dead and useless."

What ACTION is God requiring of me today?

2. TO ACHIEVE GOD'S BIGGER,
BETTER PURPOSE YOU
MUST ASCEND.

Matthew 5:14,16 "Jesus said, 'You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven."

Psalm 3:3 "But You are a shield around me, O LORD; You bestow glory on me and **lift up** my head."

Ephesians 2:6 "And God **raised us up** with Christ and seated us with Him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus..."

God didn't call you to average!

1 Peter 2:9 "But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for His own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who called

you out of darkness into His marvelous light."

2 Corinthians 3:18 "But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image **from glory to glory**, just as by the Spirit of the Lord."

3. TO ACHIEVE GOD'S BIGGER, BETTER PURPOSE REQUIRES GOD'S <u>ANOINTING</u>.

2 Corinthians 1:20-22 "For no matter how many promises God has made, they are 'Yes' in Christ. And so through Him the 'Amen' is spoken by us to the glory of God. Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. **He anointed us**, set His seal of ownership on us, and put His Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come."

If your plans can be accomplished without the anointing, then your plans are too small.

1 John 2:20 & 27 "You have an anointing from the Holy One. The

anointing you received from Him remains in you."

"Christ" is a Greek word from the New Testament that means "Anointed One".

John 15:5-8 "Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in Me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from Me you can do nothing. If you remain in Me and My words remain in you, you may ask for anything you want, and it will be granted! When you produce much fruit, you are My true disciples. This brings great glory to My Father."

Jesus didn't die to make you comfortable – He died to make you holy.

Memory Verse: Isaiah 60:1 "Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you."