

Little Steps BIG

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"I will give you every place where you set your foot, as I promised Moses." Joshua 1:3

God has given you promises in the Bible to set you up for success. As we enter into God's promised land, life is not about you making promises to God, but about God's promises to you coming true. Ready to take little steps that will lead to BIG change?



NOTES

How many steps will the average person take by age 80?

Over 216,000,000 steps = 110,000 miles

"One small step for man. One giant leap for mankind." Neil Armstrong, on the moon

"I have a dream...." Martin Luther King, Jr.

Little steps, BIG.

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How? With every little step of faith they took.

Make this a BIG year in every little step you take!



"He has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature, having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires." 2 Peter 1:4

God has given you promises in the Bible to set you up for success:

- To experience God's gifting in your life
- To participate in the divine nature
- To escape being taken down by evil desires

The land God promised to Israel was approximately 300,000 square miles.

The most they ever claimed was 30,000 square miles – 10%.

What are some steps to receive God's blessings?

1. Step into a new way of thinking, seeing God's vision for your life.

Get to know God's promises for yourself – Bible reading, worship, small groups, YouVersion audio, prayer.



2. Take a little step every day.

"Every place where the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that I have given you." Joshua 1:3 KJV

"Atomic Habits – Tiny Changes, Remarkable Results", James Clear

"You can accomplish more if you focus on less. Be willing to start small and you can still end up big."

1% improvement a day. You'll make progress that compounds daily.

Do you want to see your faith grow? Read a little more each day. Pray.

"Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God." Romans 10:17

Do you want to see God use you? Talk to a pastor, connect, discover your gifts.



Do you want to be more than a consumer in your spiritual life? Start contributing in small ways – serve, give.

"You can make excuses or you can make progress, but you can't make both." Craig Groseschel

3. Make your journey walk together, with God's people.

Don't try to go it alone.

"Where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them." Matthew 16:20

- Come to worship on Sunday.
- Meet with your group on weekdays.
- Invite others to come with you.
- Sit together in church.
- Encourage one another.

There's power in togetherness.

The best way to do life is together.

• We love our families better together.



- Our marriages get stronger together.
- Our walk with God moves steadily forward, and upward as we walk together.
- We take little steps BIG together.

Humans have the tendency to live in the "what ifs" of life.

 Because of fear, regret, and fantasies of something better

These are distractions and divert us from taking the steps God's Word has shown us.

Instead -

Lord, what's my next step of humility and faith, welcoming God and his wisdom into your best. Open my eyes to see your vision for me, to think a new way, renewing my mind. Transform my life. Lord. Show me what little steps are next for me. Starting my day with you? Coming to church with your people every Sunday? Connecting with a group so we can do life together, be there for each other, learn, and grow together? How can I bring the things you are teaching me, the gifts you've given me, to help others? How can I make the Christ journey this year with my spiritual family? You entering God's promised land life is not about you making promises to God, but about God's promises to you coming true.

You've got to take the little steps to walk with a BIG God. He will meet you with promise every step you take.

