



How Do You Build Something That Will Last? (Be Progressive)

Amazing Thought: *Your future can become a copy of your past if you don't change the choices on your life menu. Remember change your perspective, this will change your choices, and that will lead to a better outcome. Your life is your gumbo to make. Decide what you will put in it.*

Date: June 28, 2026

Text: John 14:12

Quarterly Themes for 2026

1. Be Honest
2. Be Aware of Blind Spots
3. Be Really Free (John 8:32)
4. **Be Aware of Your Level (Romans 12:3)**

Where We Are Going: June 2026 Series Summary:

Part 1: Gain Control (Am I managing my life or is my life managing me?)

Text: Matthew 16:24: “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me”

Part 2: Find your Purpose (Why Am I Here?)

Text: Genesis 2:15: “The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.”

Part 3: Becoming Fruitful (Am I producing what God designed as my full potential?)

Text: John 15:8 “This is to my father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.”

Part 4: Always Strive to Progress (Am I Still Moving Forward?)

Text: Philippians 3:13–14 “Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal...”

Main Text: John 14:12

“Whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these...”

Statement: God never intended us to remain where we are. The Christian life is designed to be a continual journey of development, growth, and expanding influence. Gaining control of your life, discovering your purpose, and becoming fruitful are important milestones, but they are not the final destination. God’s desire is that we continue growing so that our influence, effectiveness, and contribution become greater with each season of life. Jesus declared, “Whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these” (John 14:12). The goal of the Christian life is not merely to arrive, but to keep progressing until we fully maximize the potential, opportunities, and impact God has entrusted to us.

Two Extremes to Avoid

Extreme #1: Settling

“I’ve done enough.”

- Living off past victories.
- Depending on old experiences.
- Refusing to learn, grow, or change.

Note: John 14:12: Settling Explained

- Jesus never called His followers merely to maintain what they had; He called them to multiply what God had entrusted to them. In John 14:12, Jesus declared, “Whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these.”
- His expectation was continued growth, expanded influence, and greater kingdom impact. Yet progress is not the same as discontentment. Paul learned the secret of contentment in every season of life (Philippians 4:11–13), while at the same time refusing to stop growing spiritually and purposefully.
- He could say, “I have learned to be content,” and also, “I press on toward the goal” (Philippians 3:14). The lesson is that we can be grateful for where we are without becoming satisfied with staying there. *Contentment appreciates God’s present blessings; progress pursues God’s future possibilities.*

Extreme #2: Comparing

“I need to be somebody else.”

- Jealousy.
- Competition.
- Measuring yourself by others.
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Note: Progress is becoming a better version of what God created you to be.

I. Three Signs You Are Still Progressing

1. Your Capacity Is Growing

- You can handle more responsibility than before.

2. Your Character Is Growing

- You are becoming more patient, wiser, humbler, and more mature.

3. Your Contribution Is Growing

- More people benefit from your life than before.

II. Jesus Helped the Disciples Make Progress

1. They began as learners. After Pentecost, they became leaders. By the end of their lives, they influenced the world. Their progress reminds us that God never intended us merely to start well, but to keep growing until our impact extends far beyond ourselves.
2. The “greater works” were not greater in quality than Jesus’ miracles. They were greater in scope, reach, and impact because the gospel would spread throughout the world.

Closing Statement

“Fruitful people produce. Progressive people keep improving what they produce.”

“The question is not whether you are where you used to be. The question is whether you are still becoming what God designed you to be.”

1. Gain Control — Take responsibility.
2. Find Purpose — Discover why you're here.
3. Become Fruitful — Produce what God designed.
4. Always Strive to Progress — Never stop growing.