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Bible Study

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Theme: Move Forward

Topic: **Characteristics of Great Achievers**

### Introduction

**This month we have been dealing with the theme “move forward” both in the church and in our bible study, we have examined lots of topics under this theme such as enemies of progress, hindrances to moving forward and how to remove them, remove it, world of no limit.** Tonight by the special grace of God we shall challenge ourselves with some of the characteristics, traits and attributes of achievers. Tonight teaching is not for the purpose of making us feel bad, but for us to re-examine ourselves so we can make necessary adjustments that will make us become achievers. May the Lord teach us His word in Jesus name (Amen).

#### **A. Achievers have the ability to focus (Mt. 6:24; I Cor. 15:58; Jam. 1:6-8, Prov.24:21-22)**

“You cannot be anything if you want to be everything.” -Solomon Schechter

*No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon (Matthew 6:24).* The ability to change or adapt is good, but continually changing one’s focus is not a positive trait of vision achievers (Pro. 24:21-22). The more we jump from vision to vision the less likely any of those visions will become a reality.

#### **B. Achievers have the ability to discipline themselves to stay on focus (Ps.90:12).**

Vision achievers organize all of the areas of their life in such a way that everything is moving in the same direction and contributing to the same purpose. This includes the disciplines of time, money, energy, diet, exercise, recreation and all other aspects of their life.

#### **C. Achievers love the idea of a challenge.(Joshua 14:6-12)**

Vision achievers are not put off by the fact that something is going to be difficult to accomplish. On the contrary, vision achievers have a “Caleb Spirit” that is actually energized by the challenge. They want the best land, they understand about the giants that inhabit that land, but they are not going to be intimidated.

#### **D. Achievers are constant learners.**

There are many different ways for achievers to learn and to keep on learning.

##### **1. They learn from study.**

This involves getting into the books and keeping current in the world of learning and technology as it relates to your field of endeavor (I Tim. 2:15; 4:13-16). It may involve seasonal enrollment in courses that will further enhance their levels of competence.

##### **2. They learn from observation.**

This involves learning from others (Heb. 13:7). Others are engaged in pursuits that are similar to yours. A vision achiever is someone who is interested in what others are doing and understands that they do not always need to personally originate everything that they do (re-invent the wheel).

##### **3. They learn from experience.**

This involves being careful to learn from and evaluate every experience that we have with the idea of learning something from it. We all have positive and negative experiences. We can learn something from each of them. However, we will only learn from them if we do not try to make excuses for our mistakes, blame others for our mistakes, or insist that we never make mistakes.

#### **4. They learn from correction (Heb. 12:5-11)**

This involves being able to receive both positive and negative criticism from others. It involves the ability to receive both encouragement and rebuke. Vision achievers not only receive correction, they invite it and embrace it.

A. Vision achievers are those who are able to receive criticism without hard feelings (Prov. 27:5-6).

B. Vision achievers are those who have the humility to readily admit when they are wrong.

What is said about the Scripture can be applied to many words of correction from others (II Timothy 3:16-17)

#### **E. Vision achievers are willing to sacrifice present comfort for long-term gain (I Cor. 9:24-25).**

These sacrifices may involve limiting one's lifestyle so that resources can be directed toward vision/goal; it may mean paying for a university course instead of a new car. It may involve foregoing entertainment options for the sake of making time for further preparation. Vision achievers understand the principle of sowing and reaping. There may be a "sowing in tears," but there will eventually be "reaping in joy." They understand that what you reap is directly proportional to what you have sown (II Cor. 9:6). The early stages of achiever development usually require much greater commitment and much deeper sacrifice (starting a church or business).

#### **F. Vision achievers have trained their mouths to speak words of faith (Mark 11:23; Prov. 6:2; Rom. 10:8-13).**

Obviously, the ability to speak such words of faith is based on hearing and knowing the things that God has said concerning you and your vision. When we know that we have heard from God, a strong component of the walk of faith is our confession of faith.

#### **G. Vision achievers draw strength from other vision achievers.**

The Bible is clear that we are greatly influenced and affected by the people with whom we fellowship (I Cor. 15:33). It indicates that we are to have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness (Eph. 5:11). The more you associate with people of vision the more visionary you become. *Do not be misled: "Bad company corrupts good character."* (I Corinthians 15:33). The opposite of this verse is also true, "Good company inspires good character." So the admonition is to "hang out with good characters

#### **H. Vision achievers turn obstacles into opportunities.**

Vision achievers have the ability to see the opportunities in every crisis. They are optimistic by nature. Achievers believe that the world is a positive place, that setbacks are temporary, that problems are challenges to overcome, and that each individual plays an active part in what happens in his/her life.

#### **I. Achievers have the patience to wait for the vision to be realized.**

We have to go back to Habakkuk's reminder, "For the vision is yet for an appointed time; but at the end it will speak, and it will not lie. Though it tarries, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry" (Hab. 2:2-3). *I waited patiently for the LORD; and He inclined to me, and heard my cry.* (Psalm 40:1)

### **Conclusion**

I believe we all have what it takes to become an achiever, may the Lord help us to be more diligent in every area of our lives so that we can all stand among the kings (Prov.10:4).