

# **Dream Big – Through Christ You Can Do It!**

*Wikipedia defines innovation as the process of making improvements by introducing something new. Imago Dei is the Latin term expressing the idea that human beings are created in the image of God. Since we are made in the image of a creative creator, we should conceive creative ideas– dream big!*

## **II Peter 1:3/ Psalms 37:4/Numbers 13:33**

2 Peter 1:3 says, everything that goes into a life of pleasing God has been miraculously given to us by getting to know intimately, the One who has invited us to God. the Message

### **1. Don't Whine About What you Don't Have – God has Given You**

#### **Everything You Need to do Everything He wants You to Do.**

- a. Peter and John were able to give the lame man what he needed because they didn't have what he wanted. (what if they would have had money?)
- b. They lacked what he wanted not what he needed
- c. Don't look at what you don't have – look at who He is.
  - i. Gideon / David / Mary & Joseph / Jesus

### **2. Allow Motivation, Passion and Determination to Drive You – not Situations, Circumstances and Lack.**

- a. What Drives You?
  - i. Imagine if I ask you to come up with a \$100,000.00 by the end of the week. You would say you just can't do it – but what if I said your loved one was dying and a shot would save them, but it costs \$100,000.00

### **3. Don't Allow Limitations, People's Negative Opinions or Narrow Minded – Small Thinking Hinder You.**

- a. Instead of saying it will never work, say what if it does work.
- b. Instead of saying we can't, say we will find a way.
  - i. "All it takes is one idea and some faith to solve an impossible situation".
- c. Think outside the Box.

- i. **Martin Luther**- when people said people weren't spiritually mature enough to handle the Word of God, Luther disagreed thought outside the box translated the Word into German and got the Bible into the hands of ordinary people.
  - ii. **John Wesley**- Thought outside the box. It was considered heresy to preach outside the church building. When he was kicked out of his church he preached outdoors. His passion to preach with the limited availability of indoor venues drove him to invent the "open air meeting" (which paved the way for drive in theaters). This breakthrough opened the door for others such as Billy Graham.
  - iii. **Modern Day Leaders**- Bill Hybels, Jon Wimber, Rick Warren, Ed Young, Andy Stanley, Brian Houston and T.D. Jakes. They thought outside the box and led the Church in new and innovative ways. Who knows how many have come to Christ because they did.
  - iv. **Jesus**- No one is a better example than Jesus. By the Pharisee's standards (by the way they thought it was ok to murder, but not heal on the Sabbath) Jesus failed daily, because of they measured success by their own rules. He broke the Sabbath. He **hung** out with the wrong people. His disciples were uneducated. He did things upside down and backwards. **Yet He fulfilled God's perfect will and paid the price for our sin. According to the Pharisees Jesus failed. According to God, He became the savior of the world.**
  - v. **Western Union**- In 1876 circulated a memo which read the telephone has too many shortcomings to be seriously considered as a means of communication. This device is of no value to us.
- d. Yesterday's controversy can become today's norm and today's contemporary will become tomorrow's tradition.
  - e. Remember what is accepted and used today as good was probably rejected at first.

**Don't make excuses see how big God is and dream big!**