

LEADERS MAKE PROGRESS, NOT PROMISES

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John 12:19

Leaders who make promises and not progress are motivators. Motivators tell you what to do, while promising results. Leaders tell you what to do while **PRODUCING RESULTS**. Many people claim they are leaders. However, their actions prove otherwise.

Real leaders are excited about **MAKING** changes. Motivators are excited about talking about change. People who are quick to make promises while slow to make progress are masters at disguising themselves as authentic leaders.

These people persuade you with charismatic words. They enlighten you with their resume. They attract you with their presentation while demonstrating **NO** progress.

ACTION IS NOT PROGRESS

Action is **NOT** progress. Action is movement. You can move in the same spot and not progress. This is how people are able to follow the wrong person. They follow people who move in action instead of following people who make progress.

Progress is developmental activity. **BEING MORE THAN WHAT YOU WERE!** How many churches are moving in action and still in the **SAME** spot they were in two years ago? Many. How many people move in action on a daily basis and accomplish nothing? Many.

Do not confuse movement with progress. The demonstration is similar but the results are different. This was the difference between the Pharisees and King Jesus. The Pharisees moved in action. However, King Jesus made progress.

Before King Jesus came to the earth the people followed the Pharisees doctrine, tradition and promises. They followed their movements thinking it was progress when it wasn't. The Pharisees moved in action. They had ceremonies, feast, services, etc. However, none of these things translated to progress.

When King Jesus came to the earth He immediately made a statement. He did miracles, changed lives, and disrupted the entire religious culture. His moves made progress! He didn't just promise people a better life, he **SHOWED** them a better life via the Kingdom of God.

People are attracted to progress. The progress Jesus was making frightened the entire religious community because He was doing something they were not. He was making progress **WHILE** keeping promises.

This is why at one time the entire world followed Jesus. John 12:19 says, "[So the Pharisees said to each other, "You](#)

can see that nothing is going right for us. Look! The whole world is following him.”

If you are following a leader make sure they are making progress, not just giving empty promises. Your **DESTINY** is **DEPENDENT** on who you follow. Following the wrong person can derail your future.

If you are a leader make sure you are making progress **WHILE** keeping your promises. The people you are accountable for are dependent on your vision!

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