



I. INTRO

A. Fill in the blanks

B. We'd probably all agree that faith is necessary for the Christian life

II. LIVING LARGE

A. What does living large mean?

- Enjoying an expensive life-style
 - For some it's trying to live the expensive life when they can't afford it
- The desire for increase

B. When you get right down to it – we'd all like to be living large wouldn't we?

3 John 2 (NKJV) Beloved, I pray that you may prosper all things and be in health, (just as your soul prospers.

B. Your ability to increase, or journey well in this life depends on the health of your soul

III. GOD IS THE AUTHOR OF LARGE LIVING

A. God wants you to increase

Psalm 115:14 (NKJV) ¹⁴ May the Lord give you increase more and more, You and your children.

Psalm 115:14 (AMP) May the Lord give you [great] increase, You and your children.

Psalm 115:14 (ERV) May the Lord give more and more to you and to your children.

Psalm 115:14 1599 Geneva Bible (GNV) The Lord will increase *his graces* toward you, *even* toward you, and toward your children.

B. Why does He want you to increase?

Deuteronomy 7:13 (NIV) ¹³ He will love you and bless you and increase your numbers. He will bless the fruit of your womb, the crops of your land—your grain, new wine and olive oil— the calves of your herds and the lambs of your flocks in the land he swore to your ancestors to give you.

QUESTION: If this is so – then why?

IV. FILLING IN THE BLANKS

A. Part of the answer is that **our believing is wrong**

- Do you believe that God loves you?
 - We overestimate our sin and failures and underestimate God's grace

Romans 5:20b (NKJV) ... But where sin abounded, grace abounded much more,



- Do you believe that God wants you to increase?
- God wants to do something in us that will impact everyone close to us
- God wants to bless & increase you not just to have more but so you can do more

B. God will do what you can't do but not what you can

C. Natural and spiritual laws

Genesis 8:22 (NKJV) ²² “While the earth remains, Seedtime and harvest, Cold and heat, Winter and summer, And day and night Shall not cease.”

He's using something we understand – Natural laws to explain something hard to understand – Spiritual laws.

D. Laws work 100% of the time

Romans 8:2 (NKJV) For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.

The law of gravity is an absolute that works 100% of the time for everybody with the same results – but there is a higher law

Escape velocity is the necessary force needed for an object – a space shuttle – to break free from the earth's atmosphere and into the freedom of space

- God's laws work regardless of the extremes of the season you might be in

If we want to live large in 2017 – We need to fill in the blanks. We need to understand there are laws that govern life and if we work with them we'll increase.

- God will bless you as far as He can

Mark 11:23-24 (NKJV) ²³ For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says. ²⁴ Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive *them*, and you will have *them*.

Mark 11:25 (NKJV) ²⁵ “And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him, that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses.