

2012—Give the small things a chance

Zechariah 4:1-10—read it!

Zechariah 4:10—“For who has despised the day of small things (beginnings)? For these seven rejoice to see the plumb line in the hand of Zerubbabel. These are the eyes of the Lord which scan to and fro through the earth” (*to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose hearts are loyal to Him... 2 Chron 9:16*).

Zerubbabel, governor of Judah, charged with rebuilding the temple, and God is talking to Zechariah to make sure the commands are clear. Zechariah sees a vision of Zerubbabel with a plumb line in hand.

Plumb lines, ensuring things being square, straight, and done the right way, in righteousness. Not only that, God is emphatic that He intends to do it—not by *might* (cha-yeel, military-esque), or *power*, but *by my Spirit*.

Conclusion—God’s Holy Spirit is in charge of the big picture--the brains *and* the muscle. But people bring a framework for accountability, so those that enter the temple to worship are living a ‘straight’, clean, consistent life.

2012 could be a year for small beginnings—significant goals in mind, with nothing much to start from. You have to start somewhere.

We plan to emphasize:

Prayer (all that goes with it—fasting, etc), corporate and private, as we get our prayer room going, remembering this is an election year
Evangelism—can you lead at least one person to Jesus this year with the idea of seeing them discipled?

‘Winning’ souls shows compassion

C) **Reviving lost words** and dreams

Things that keep small things small things:

Think bigger than what you see around you

Look at **previous words**, ask God about them.

Be willing to **re-think** things that may be 'givens' in your life

Do your part, God does His (keep your plumb line ready, in other words),
keep yourselves square with God and don't frustrate His part with your disobedience.

Don't get too **focused** on your enemies

If it's getting too heavy, **stop, re-evaluate**, make sure you aren't lifting what God should be.

Find other plumb-line operators, **accountability people**, to keep you straight

Don't force it.. **Leave room for Grace**—favor opens doors that you can not.