

Session 3. Progress

Message Outline

1. **Too Hot: A Prophecy of Unrivalled Success**
2. **Too Cold: A Warning of Relentless Decline**
3. **Just Right: A Promise of Sustained Progress**
 - a) *Visible Growth in the Advance of the Gospel Around the World*
 - b) *Pervasive Influence of the Gospel in the Life of a Believer*

Discussion Questions

1. Proper interpretation of the Bible has huge practical implications! What are the consequences of seeing these parables as 'Too Hot' (a prophecy of unrivalled success)?
2. What are the consequences of seeing these parables as 'Too Cold' (a warning of relentless decline)?
3. "Christ's kingdom has a small beginning but it will lead to a great outcome." How is this true? And how does this help you persevere through challenges to your faith and ministry?
4. What is most discouraging for you about your progress as a Christian? How does it encourage you that the leaven of God's Spirit is working in you?
5. 1 Corinthians 15:58 says, "Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labour is not in vain." According to this verse, how should we respond to the promise that our labour is not in vain? What do you need to grow in steadfastness?
6. How did God work in your life through this module?

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