Pastor’s Patch : Smaller Steps

Every so often one comes across an image that is helpful and insightful. Here’s one that really encouraged me, and it’s really quite self-explanatory. We all want to progress in life, in faith, in love for the Lord and each other. Our Heavenly Father always makes that possible for us by showing us the next small step to take. We simply need to listen and obey – and we won’t move forward until we do so.

But this is also a simple lesson for how we treat those around us. If we have children / grandchildren / a spouse / a friend who we long to see make progress, then we have to help them see and know the next small step. To consider the overall goal may be just too daunting. Another word for describing this is “encouragement”. The Bible has much to say on the matter, but why not ponder what the apostle Paul wrote to one congregation?

Therefore encourage one another and build each other up,
just as in fact you are doing.
(1 Thessalonians chapter 5 verse 11)

POINT TO PONDER

Do we encourage others or discourage them? Do we praise their progress or point out their failures? Do we build up, or tear down?

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