

## INGREDIENTS FOR A PROGRESSIVE CHURCH

### Our Triumph

### Philippians 4: 13-19

On the way to victory we will encounter conflict en route to receive the blessings of God. In this joy epistle, Pastor Paul discovers two women in the church who are in conflict. When God is moving there will be tension and contention. Pastor Paul leads them through the conflict and reminds them to focus on the presence of the Lord.

God chooses leaders to help people reach the promised land. He speaks to leaders; grants them His wisdom; helps them understand His will and His way. The spiritual leader tells the people what thus says the Lord with the hope that the people will follow His leadership as the leader follows Christ. In the words of the late Dr. Horace Sheppard Sr. the church should not be run by rusty boards or musty committees. God has appointed spiritual leaders (pastors) to lead his people. The church's job is to serve the pastor spiritually, emotionally and financially. Yes, it takes resources for a church to progress as it invests in godly leadership.

Our triumph in a progressive church relies on a spiritual leader who has walked with God. Here are three more ingredients that will help a church to progress.

- I. Develop a Vision
  - A. Trust God for the provision
  - B. Trust God for promotion
- II. Decide on a Mission
  - A. Share His goodness
  - B. Share His gospel
- III. Desire a Contribution
  - A. People should be gracious
  - B. People should be generous