

7 Steps to Success

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Introduction

What makes you successful? Finishing high school, college, getting a master or PhD degree? Getting a high paying job, marrying, and the list goes on.... and on...????? Success is finding God’s will for your life, because none of these things will matter when you face Him.

Romans 14:10-12 *“For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. For it is written: ‘As I live, says the LORD, Every knee shall bow to Me, And every tongue shall confess to God.’ So then each of us shall give account of himself to God.”*

2 Corinthians 5:10 *For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.*

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How does one find out God’s will and be successful? By Hearing His voice and doing what he called you to do. **“Success is finding out God’s will for your life and He is giving you 100% to do it.”**

Here are 7 steps to success:

1. **Have a lifestyle of prayer** – life line. We should have the need to pray as if it’s for us to breath. Having a prayer life will allow you to live fully according to God’s plans. “Feed your faith so doubt will starve to death”. We need to hear God’s voice and have a constant communion with Him. Our life of service must be birthed from our continual deep relationship with the Lord.

1 Thessalonians 5:17 *“pray without ceasing” NKJ*

2. **Maintain a thankful attitude** – The Joy of Lord! Take a step back and give thanks to God for what He has done for your life.

Colossians 3:15 *“And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful.”*

3. **Don’t compare** – Comparing yourself to others will only cause problems. We are all different so we can reach to many people. He created us uniquely and it’s for His purpose. Be at peace with yourself. Have some goals and vision for yourself. Life would be so boring if they are all like you. Amen.

2 Corinthians 10:12 *We do not dare to classify or compare ourselves with some who commend themselves. When they measure themselves by themselves and compare themselves with themselves, they are not wise.*

4. **People who stand on God’s Word not on circumstances** - Negative things will happen to us but God is working on our character not our gifts. “What you build with your gifts, you can destroy with your character.” Stay in the FAITH with God. Example: a tea bag needs to

be in hot water and the more it's in the hot water the more the flavor comes out of it. Some people face some hot water and they run out just as fast as they were dropped in. We need to keep the faith and wait on God to take us out when He is ready to use us. Sometimes hot water may be what we really need so we can be flavorful to people who need it.

1 Corinthians 16:13 *"Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong"* NIV

5. **Have a servant's heart** – Be like Jesus. No lip service but a servant's heart. Humble yourself and learn to lead in all areas. Leaders lead in: speech, actions, lifestyle, stewardship, having clean house, disciplining their children, having a family with God's values. They are also respected and honored. "We teach what we know but we reproduce what we are!"

Colossians 3:23 *"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters,"* (NIV)

6. **Dedicate your relationship with the Holy Spirit**

He leads us in truth and grows godly fruit in us. Be sensitive to the Holy Spirit.

Galatians 5:16-25 *"I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another."*

7. **Determine to finish your course** – Don't give up! The second and third chapters of the book of Revelation say, "To Him who overcome." It's time to overcome. **"Champions are not those who never fail but those who never quit!"** Press on! Refuse discouragement and make a choice not to be discouraged. Refuse to take your courage out of encourage.

Hebrews 12:1-3 *"Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart."* (NIV)

Discussion Questions:

Was your understanding of success the same as this lesson?

How will you apply this lesson to your life?

Memory Verses:

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