

Outline – January 2, 2022
Joshua 1:8; Matthew 25:14-30; 1 Corinthians 3:12-15
“Understanding the Importance of Success”

You Were Created to Succeed

- I. Some Biblical Principles that Endorse God’s Will for your Success**
 - A. Keep the Word, and you will have good success (Joshua 1:8)
 - B. Made by God, for God (Colossians 1:16)
 - C. Given Gifts by God (Matthew 25:14-30)
 - D. Reward given at the Believers Evaluation (1 Corinthians 3:12-15)
 - E. God gives us gifts, what we do with those gifts is our gift to God
 - 1. Insults God to do nothing with our talent
 - 2. We and others lose when we don’t use our gifts
 - F. God created you for greatness
 - 1. He saved you
 - 2. He equipped you
 - 3. He gave you opportunity
 - 4. How great/successful you become is up to you
- II. What Prevents Success in Our Lives**
 - A. Skewed Understanding of Success
 - 1. Erroneous teaching
 - 2. Erroneous standards
 - B. Selfish Pursuits
 - 1. Not about you
 - 2. Not about stuff
 - C. Self-sabotage
 - 1. Not managing our decisions
 - 2. Believing we have “arrived”
 - 3. Never changing our thinking
 - 4. Not controlling our emotions
 - 5. Being out of position
 - D. Standards that are Low
 - 1. Not wanting / trying to go to the top
 - 2. Not having a vision
 - 3. Settling for mediocrity
 - E. Sick Relationships
 - 1. Bad company corrupts
 - 2. Beware who you listen to
 - 3. We become like those with whom we fellowship (hang out with)

- F. Stupid Decisions
 - 1. Every decision has a built-in consequence
 - 2. Biblical principles and physical laws will not be ignored
 - 3. God is not mocked

III. How Success Develops

- A. Two questions we must ask
 - 1. What are we doing to develop ourselves?
 - 2. What are we doing to develop (improve) others?
- B. Success begins by improving who you are
 - 1. The principle of "5"
 - 2. Healthy habits
 - 3. Self-discipline
 - 4. Growing, learning, and developing
 - 5. Managing decisions
- C. Success occurs when valuing people
 - 1. Helping someone get started
 - 2. Helping someone succeed
- D. Know what they value
 - 1. Listen to their story
 - 2. Learn to connect
 - 3. Love them
 - 4. Lead them to the Messiah
- E. Value what God values
 - 1. The Soul
 - 2. His Word
 - 3. His Will

IV. What Success Develops

- A. Our purpose
 - 1. Having a strong "why"
- B. Knowledge
 - 1. Successful people never stop learning
- C. Self-discipline
 - 1. Not controlled by emotions
 - 2. Controlled by "purpose"
- D. Confidence
- E. Positioning
- F. Passion
- G. Glory to God
 - 1. Using your gifts to bless others
 - 2. Using your gifts to glorify God

V. Results of Success

- A. People's lives are improved
 - 1. Changed
 - 2. Enhanced
 - 3. Redeemed
- B. God is glorified
- C. You are rewarded and blessed
 - 1. Blessed today
 - 2. Rewarded tomorrow
- D. New Identity
 - 1. We act as we believe we are
 - 2. Our identity is attached to what we do
- E. Fewer regrets and repairs
- F. Don't live in fear
- G. Make things happen

**Keep His Word
Invest in Others
Bring Glory to Him**

Know Good Success