

# The Path To True Success

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- 6 Be strong and of a good courage: for unto this people shalt thou divide for an inheritance the land, which I swear unto their fathers to give them.
- 7 Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, which Moses my servant commanded thee: turn not from it *to the right hand or to the left*, that **thou mayest prosper** whithersoever thou goest.
- 8 This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then **thou shalt have good success.**

# Introduction

- We live in a very success oriented society – the definition of success changes marginally from generation to generation – there are things that remain constant.
- How the world views success:
  - Money/possessions.
  - Popularity/fame.
  - Position/social status.
  - Educational attainment.
  - Worldly pleasure.

# Introduction

- In view of where the future is headed (II Pet. 3:10ff; I Cor. 15:22-23; Heb. 9:27), we must not view these kinds of things as ultimate goals.
  - Man is not just a physical being, but a spiritual being. (Gen. 1:26)
  - We have a conscience. (Rom. 2:14-15)
  - The material, temporary, transitory things of this life are not ultimately fulfilling.
    - Eccl. 3:11 (ESV) He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also, he has put eternity into man's heart...

# “Success” In The Word of God...

- Deut. 29:9 → Keep therefore the words of this covenant, and do them, that ye may prosper in all that ye do.
- I Kings. 2:3 → And keep the charge of the LORD thy God, to walk in his ways, to keep his statutes, and his commandments, and his judgments, and his testimonies, as it is written in the law of Moses, that thou mayest prosper in all that thou doest, and whithersoever thou turnest thyself:
- II Kings 18:7 → And the LORD was with him; *and* he prospered whithersoever he went forth: and he rebelled against the king of Assyria, and served him not.
- Jer. 10:21 → For the pastors are become brutish, and have not sought the LORD: therefore they shall not prosper, and all their flocks shall be scattered.
- Jer. 23:5 → Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth.

# What Is The Ultimate Success?

- Phil. 3:7-8 → Yea doubtless, and I count all things *but* loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them *but* dung, **that I may win Christ,**
- Phil. 3:12-14 → 12 ...but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus. 13 Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but *this* one thing *I do*, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, 14 **I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.**
- II Tim. 4:8 → Henceforth **there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness,** which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.
- Matt. 25:34 → 34 Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, **Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:**

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- ***The Path of True Wisdom.*** (James 1:5; 3:17; Prov. 2:6; Ps. 119:97-98; 19:7)
  - The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. (Prov. 9:10)
  - A look at the nature and fruits of true wisdom:
    - Heeds parental instruction. (Prov. 1:8)
    - Does not consent with those who are engaged in mischief. (Prov. 1:10; cf. 4:14-16)
    - Delivers from the evil man. (Prov. 2:12)
    - Delivers from the adulterous woman. (Prov. 2:16-18)
    - Walks in the way of good men, righteous paths. (Prov. 2:20)
    - Guards its heart. (Prov. 4:23)

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- ***The Path of Discipleship. (Acts 11:26)***
  - Become a Christian. (Matt. 11:28-30; Acts 26:28; I Pet. 4:16)
    - Hear and believe the gospel. (Rom. 10:17; Mk. 16:15-16)
    - Repent of sins. (Lk. 13:3; Acts 2:38)
    - Confess Jesus as the Son of God. (Rom. 10:9-10)
    - Be baptized in water for the remission of sins. (I Pet. 3:21; Gal. 3:26-27)
    - Be faithful to the Lord. (Lk. 14:25-33)
  - Mark 10:28-30 → ...and in the end eternal life.



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- ***Path of Growth and Maturity.*** (Heb. 5:11-6:1)
  - Growing in the Lord:
    - II Thess. 1:3 → “...your faith groweth exceedingly, and the charity of every one of you all toward each other aboundeth;” (cf. 4:2)
    - II Pet. 3:18 → “But grow in grace, and *in* the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ...”
  - Growth through → I Tim. 4:6-10
    - Nutrition → The word of God. (I Pet. 2:1-2; Jn. 6:63)
    - Exercise → Unto godliness. (Heb. 5:14; Titus 2:11-14)

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- ***The Path of Self Control.*** (1 Cor. 9:25)
  - In thought. (Phil. 4:8)
  - In speech. (James. 3:2)
  - In temperament. (Eph. 4:26)
  - In fleshly appetites. (1 Cor. 6:19-20; 12)
- ***The Path of Endurance/Patience.***
  - Heb. 12:1-2 → Run with patience the race that is set before us...
  - Heb. 10:26 → For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise.