

# THE SUCCESSFUL LIFE

Success has many definitions and measuring marks. Levels of education, certain amounts of money, degrees of popularity, or being a winner are where our thoughts go when thinking of success.

Success is what we all want basically because it has personal benefits connected to it.

## I. SUCCESS DEFINED.

**A. Webster-** “succeed”- “to attain a certain object or end”

What object or end are you seeking?

Do you want to be successful as a parent?

in marriage?

in business?

as a Christian?

with your talent?

in life?

in death?

**B. The Bible-** Joshua 1 <sup>8</sup> Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.

## II. DESIGNS FOR SUCCESS

We shall look to 3 great men for this advice.

**A. Solomon- Fear God**

Ecc 11 <sup>9</sup> Be happy, young man, while you are young,  
and let your heart give you joy in the days of your youth.

Follow the ways of your heart  
and whatever your eyes see,  
but know that for all these things  
God will bring you to judgment.

<sup>10</sup> So then, banish anxiety from your heart  
and cast off the troubles of your body,  
for youth and vigor are meaningless.

**12** Remember your Creator

in the days of your youth,  
before the days of trouble come  
and the years approach when you will say,  
“I find no pleasure in them”— ....

5... Then man goes to his eternal home  
and mourners go about the streets.

<sup>7</sup> and the dust returns to the ground it came from,

and the spirit returns to God who gave it.  
<sup>8</sup>“Meaningless! Meaningless!” says the Teacher.  
“Everything is meaningless!”

<sup>13</sup> Now all has been heard;  
here is the conclusion of the matter:  
**Fear God and keep his commandments,**  
for this is the whole duty of man.

<sup>14</sup> For God will bring every deed into judgment,  
including every hidden thing,  
whether it is good or evil.

### **B. Jesus- The kingdom of God must be top priority.**

Matt 6 <sup>33</sup> But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

### **Abiding in Christ and His word brings productivity.**

John 15 <sup>7</sup> If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you. <sup>8</sup> This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

### **C. Paul- Discover and obey God’s purpose and will for your life.**

Acts 26 ” ‘I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting,’ the Lord replied. <sup>16</sup> ‘Now get up and stand on your feet. I have appeared to you to appoint you as a servant and as a witness of what you have seen of me and what I will show you. <sup>17</sup> I will rescue you from your own people and from the Gentiles. I am sending you to them <sup>18</sup> to open their eyes and turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.’  
<sup>19</sup>“So then, King Agrippa, **I was not disobedient to the vision from heaven.**

<sup>7</sup> I have fought the good fight, (**Passion** or passionate)  
I have finished the race, (**Perseverance**)  
I have kept the faith. (**Perspective** the truth)

<sup>8</sup> Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, (the **Prize**)  
which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me,  
but also to all who have longed for his appearing.  
(He has reached his goal, heaven. That is success!

## **III. DISCIPLINES for a successful life.**

- A. Know the Word of God-Joshua 1:8
- B. Confess the Word- Joshua
- C. Meditate on the Word-Joshua,

Jesus- John 15“ if my words remain  
in you...”

- D. Obey the Word- Joshua- “do everything written in it”
- E. Keep God first- Jesus- Matt 6 33
- F. Have a vision –Paul
- G. Be passionate about it
- H. Don’t stop till you are finished
- I. Keep God first