

Pressing Onward! to Achieving Eternal Success in 2022

**Ro 8:28–30 (ESV) — 28 And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. 29 For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. 30 And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.**

The purpose of this message is to help you live this limited life here on earth in such a way that you achieve maximum gain for eternity.

I invite you also to review the messages I have previously taught on eternity. You can review those on YouTube at GLCTV. Be sure to subscribe and share the channel with others.

This message will be delivered in three major parts:

1. **The Introduction** – this is where I will provide an overview of the entire message.
2. **The Proofs** – where will substantiate my findings.
3. **The Call to Action** (or the application) – I will present a game plan so that you will move onward to achieving eternal success in 2022

## **I. Introduction –**

Life goes on after death. To measure success according to the world's standards is shortsighted and fails to consider one's life after death. Eternity, and one's status in eternity is all that truly matters.

Eternity, eternity, all that matters is eternity!

A. There are two facts you must know

1. God knew you before you were born and wrote the purpose you were to fulfill here on earth.
2. Eternal success is guaranteed by fulfilling the purposes for which God created you.

B. There are three steps you must undertake to secure your eternal success.

1. Determine the gifts that God has given you to work with.
2. Daily develop and perfect those gifts using what is in your hand.
3. Journey boldly and courageously on The Narrow Road God has prescribed for your life to give him glory.

C. The Call to Action – a Daily Prayer for 2022 [Say it]

**Show me Lord what I can do this day, that will give you more glory today, than what I did yesterday!**

D. Now I am going to substantiate everything I just said. I will provide proofs of every single statement.

## **II. The Proofs**

**A. Life goes on after death!**

**Heb 9:27 (ESV) — 27 And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment,**

1. *Jn 3:16 (ESV) — 16 “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.*
2. *Jn 5:24 (ESV) — 24 Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.*

**B. Success should not be measured according to the world standards, but according to eternal standards**

**Lk 12:16–21 (ESV) — 16 And he told them a parable, saying, “The land of a rich man produced plentifully, 17 and he thought to himself, ‘What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?’ 18 And he said, ‘I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. 19 And I will say to my soul, “Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.” ’ 20 But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ 21 So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.”**

**C. Eternity is all that matters – [say it]**

**Mt 16:26 (ESV) — 26 For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul?**

1. *Jn 3:36 (ESV) — 36 Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.*
2. *Jn 3:18 (ESV) — 18 Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.*
3. *Ro 10:10 (ESV) — 10 For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.  
Ro 10:13 (ESV) — 13 For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”*
4. *Re 22:12–13 (ESV) — 12 “Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense with me, to repay each one for what he has done. 13 I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.”*

**D. The two facts you must know now!**

1. God knew you before you were born, and wrote the purpose you were to live and fulfill here on earth, in His Book.

***Ps 139:16 (NKJV) — 16 Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. And in Your book they all were written, The days fashioned for me, When as yet there were none of them.***

***Je 1:4–5 (ESV) — 4 Now the word of the LORD came to me, saying, 5 “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.”***

If you read further you will see Jeremiah has his doubts, but God gives him reassurance that he will be with him. That is the reassurance that is given in Romans 8:29.

***Ro 8:29 (ESV) — 29 For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.***

2. Your Eternal success is guaranteed by fulfilling the purposes for which God created you.

***Mt 6:20 (ESV) — 20 but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.***

***Ro 8:30 (ESV) — 30 And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.***

(1) Being glorified by God is more than being glorified by man.

- b. ***Re 22:12 (ESV) — 12 “Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense with me, to repay each one for what he has done.***

***Da 12:2–3 (ESV) — 2 And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. 3 And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.***

- c. Eternity is all that matters. Success in eternity is to achieve the greatest reward one can achieve.

- d. There are eternal Rewards  
***1 Co 3:11–15 (ESV) — 11 For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus***

**Christ. 12 Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw— 13 each one's work will become manifest, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. 14 If the work that anyone has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. 15 If anyone's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire.**

- e. There is eternal Punishment  
**Re 20:11–15 (ESV) — 11 Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. From his presence earth and sky fled away, and no place was found for them. 12 And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Then another book was opened, which is the book of life. And the dead were judged by what was written in the books, according to what they had done. 13 And the sea gave up the dead who were in it, Death and Hades gave up the dead who were in them, and they were judged, each one of them, according to what they had done. 14 Then Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire. 15 And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.**

E. There are three steps you should take to secure your eternal success.

**1. Determine and work in the gifts that God has given you.**

- a. Remember Matthew 25:14?  
(1) God has given you gifts to work with  
**1 Co 12:7 (ESV) — 7 To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.**  
(2) Immediately, not later, DON'T WAIT! LIFE IS TOO, TOO, SHORT, start serving for the glory of God now  
(3) **Mt 25:16 (ESV) — 16 He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more.**  
(4) Matthew 25:20-21
- b. I will teach further on this on Wednesday night.  
(1) Ask God to reveal to you what you should be doing.  
(2) Do not complain, simply obey!
- c. Take a spiritual gifts test to get additional insight
- d. Become involved serving in some manner in the church

**2. Daily Develop and perfect those gifts using what is in your hand.**

**Heb 5:14 (ESV) — 14 But solid food is for the mature, for those who have their powers of discernment trained by constant practice to distinguish good from evil.**

- a. God will reveal more to you as you go along.
- b. Let us look at Moses:  
**Ex 4:1–4 (ESV) — 1 Then Moses answered, “But behold, they will not believe me or listen to my voice, for they will say, ‘The LORD did not appear to you.’ ” 2 The LORD said to him, “What is that in your hand?” He said, “A staff.” 3 And he said, “Throw it on the ground.” So he threw it on the ground, and it became a serpent, and Moses ran from it. 4 But the LORD said to Moses, “Put out your hand and catch it by the tail”—so he put out his hand and caught it, and it became a staff in his hand—**
- c. Start with what you have and use it. According to the parable of talents, God will give you more as you are effective with what you have.  
**Ex 4:17 (NKJV) — 17 And you shall take this rod in your hand, with which you shall do the signs.”**

**3. Boldly and courageously travel on The Narrow Road God has designated for your life. To give him glory.**

**Mt 7:13–14 (NKJV) — 13 “Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. 14 Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.**

- a. Jesus had the travel the road God called him to walk  
**Mt 26:39 (NKJV) — 39 He went a little farther and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, “O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will.”**
- b. Also Paul told Timothy  
**1 Ti 6:12 (NKJV) — 12 Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.**
4. When Paul knew he was about to die. He knew that all that mattered was eternity!  
**Php 3:4–11 (NKJV) — 4 though I also might have confidence in the flesh. If anyone else thinks he may have confidence in the flesh, I more so: 5 circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of the Hebrews; concerning the law,**

***a Pharisee; 6 concerning zeal, persecuting the church; concerning the righteousness which is in the law, blameless. 7 But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ. 8 Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ 9 and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith; 10 that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, 11 if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.***

***2 Ti 4:7–8 (NKJV) — 7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. 8 Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.***

### **III. The Call to Action**

- A. We all have a specific mission to accomplish for Christ, but the bottom line is the salvation of souls.
  - 1. When a soldier fights in a war, he has a specific battle mission, but the end results is the victory of his nation of the enemy.
  - 2. God has called us to do specific works in the earth, but the end results is the salvation of men.
- B. I may not know your specific gifts, but since you know that life goes on after death, you should not measure success according to the world's measure, because you know that is shortsighted to just try to be successful here on the earth, because that fails to taken into account eternity after death, and you know that God knew you before you were born, and sent you to this earth for a specific mission, and the end of that mission is for souls to be saved.
  - 1. Therefore, your next step is to determine the specific gifts that God has given you to work daily develop and perfect those gifts using what's in your hand.
  - 2. So, I encourage you to do the following things daily to perfect your gifts as you travel on the narrow Road.
- C. I can suggest many things that you could do to glorify God.
  - 1. Be more faithful to church
  - 2. honor God with your tithes and offerings
  - 3. served within the church
  - 4. love one another and not talk about one another

5. learn to forgive others, as you expect the father to forgive you
  6. be at peace with all men
  - 7.
  8. there are so many different things I can say, but the Holy Spirit can say them better than I can because, remember God has a plan for your life, you must line up with it I denying yourself and taking up your cross and following him.
  9. So now I say to you
- D. Ask the Holy Spirit to show you what you need to be doing that day to give him more glory and honor beyond what you did yesterday.
1. The Prayer:  
**Show me Lord what I can do this day, that will give you more glory today, than what I did yesterday.**
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