

## The Way To Success In Life

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- I. Very few people truly find success in life. Why?
  - A. The majority of people are what we call middle-class but today the middle class is being squeezed out. We see the elite and then we see the poor.
  - B. Have you ever wondered why so many men work hard and at the end of the day have very little to show for. And then others don't seem to work hard at all. It is as if everything they touch is successful.
  - C. Life seems unfair! The rich seem to get richer and the poor get poorer.
  - D. Few people truly find success in life. Why? They conform to the world

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- E. We all start out equal but too many of us choose the common road. The road most travel. The process the world has laid out for us.
  - 1. We follow, rather than lead. We fail to take the risk to be different from everybody else. Fear drives us so that we conform to the pattern everyone else has said is acceptable.
  - 2. We think like everybody else. We choose to be common. So as a result we end up like the masses. Common.
  - 3. we are afraid to be different
  - 4. we go through the same ritual everyone else does
    - a. getting up in the morning to go to work
    - b. following the same pattern each and every day rather than challenging the status quo
    - c. rather than daring to be different. We conform!
    - d. allowing others to tell us what our life should be and what our attitude should be.
  - 5. we conform to the pattern of the world when the Bible has told us not to conform to it.
  - 6. we are more concerned about what people say about us than what God says about us.

F. Listen carefully: Success or failure is not a matter of education, background, monetary benefits, luck, circumstances or anything that the world describes.

1. Success is not as elusive as so many think.
2. The opportunity for success in life has been made available to the masses.
3. In fact the opportunity for success has been made available because of the sacrifice of the son of God to pay the price for the restoration of the will of God in the life of mankind.

**(NKJV) Jn 3:16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. 17 For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.**

**(NKJV) Jn 10:10 The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.**

4. The unfortunate thing is that success will not be found by everyone although it is available to everyone.
  - a. success is available to everyone in this room tonight but success will not be achieved by everyone in this room.
  - b. The majority will submit to thinking and acting like the masses that are on the road to destruction and unfortunately will experience a life filled with challenges, lack and disappointment.
5. listen now and I will tell you a well-known secret.

G. Success is available to any and all who choose to submit to the truth of the word of God and allow God to direct their lives.

H. Before we continue any further let us define success.

**TRUE SUCCESS IS THE ACHIEVEMENT AND PURPOSES OF GOD FOR ONE'S LIFE.**

1. It is the attainment of one's divine potential  
Simply:  
***SUCCESS IS THE ATTAINMENT OF ONE'S DIVINE POTENTIAL***

I. The reason most people fail to succeed is because they fail to recognize they are not masters of their destiny.

1. The world teaches this, no matter what they may think or feel. There is a master divine hand that guides the rules of the universe.
2. Beholds the breath of every man in his hand. He rules in the kingdom of men, and appoints over it whomever he chooses

3. Daniel said  
**(NKJV) Da 2:20 Daniel answered and said: “Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, For wisdom and might are His. 21 And He changes the times and the seasons; He removes kings and raises up kings; He gives wisdom to the wise And knowledge to those who have understanding. 22 He reveals deep and secret things; He knows what is in the darkness, And light dwells with Him.**

**(NKJV) 1 Sa 2:7 The LORD makes poor and makes rich; He brings low and lifts up. 8 He raises the poor from the dust And lifts the beggar from the ash heap, To set them among princes And make them inherit the throne of glory. “For the pillars of the earth are the LORD’s, And He has set the world upon them.**

**(NKJV) Ps 75:6 For exaltation comes neither from the east Nor from the west nor from the south. 7 But God is the Judge: He puts down one, And exalts another.**

J. God is the one that has promised us success but all about us in the world challenges us when we attempt to follow him. His words were clear.  
**(NKJV) Jos 1:7 Only be strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go. 8 This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. 9 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.”**

**(NKJV) Ps 1:1 Blessed is the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful; 2 But his delight is in the law of the LORD, And in His law he meditates day and night. 3 He shall be like a tree Planted by the rivers of water, That brings forth its fruit in its season, Whose leaf also shall not wither; And whatever he does shall prosper.**

1. Notice the focus on meditation. Why?

K. Meditation on the word of God is the key to the transformation of life to experience the prosperity of God.

**MEDITATION ON THE WORD OF GOD IS THE FIRST KEY TO THE TRANSFORMATION OF LIFE TO EXPERIENCE THE PROSPERITY OF GOD**

**(NKJV) Ro 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.**

**2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.**

**MEDITATION IS THE CONSTANT REITERATION OF THE WORD OF GOD IN THE CANYON OF ONE'S MIND UNTIL ITS REVERBERATION IS ECHOED IN THE CHAMBER OF ONE'S MOUTH.**

L. What does meditation on the word of God do? It affects one's mind in such a way that an individual thinks differently from the world and recognizes who truly controls the destiny of his life is not himself but his future is totally in the hands of God.

1. With such a revelation, a person who understands this, no longer sees himself as the writer of his life but submits to the original author of life so that his story may be pinned by the creator whose single-purpose is to bring us into his presence in which there is no lack.
2. Meditation on the word of God causes us to realize the love of God towards us, means the desire of God to prosper us and to do good for us leading us to a rich inheritance.

**(NKJV) Je 29:11 For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. 12 Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. 13 And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart. 14 I will be found by you, says the LORD, and I will bring you back from your captivity; I will gather you from all the nations and from all the places where I have driven you, says the LORD, and I will bring you to the place from which I cause you to be carried away captive.**

II. What is the effect of meditation on the word of God? The development of the most important single factor that guarantees success day in, day out, all the months and years of our life.

**WHAT IS THE EFFECT OF MEDITATION UPON THE WORD OF GOD -- FAITH**

**A. FAITH**

1. God recognizes and honors faith.
2. It is important to realize he rewards those that develop faith.

**(NKJV) Heb 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.**

**(NKJV) Heb 10:38 Now the just shall live by faith; But if anyone draws back, My soul has no pleasure in him."**

B. God will change the rules of the universe in order to support the individual that has developed his faith!

1. Unfortunately, many people do not realize this very principal fact!  
**(NKJV) Is 7:9 The head of Ephraim is Samaria, And the head of Samaria is Remaliah's son.**

**If you will not believe, Surely you shall not be established.” ’ ’ ”**

2. Faith is necessary for your success and faith is developed as you meditate upon God's word.

**(NKJV) Ro 10:17 So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.**

**FAITH IS THE KEY THAT PLEASURES GOD AND PROGRESSIVELY UNLOCKS THE BLESSINGS OF HEAVEN TO ITS HOLDER.**

3. To experience the abundance of life desired by God an individual recognizes God controls his destiny and he focuses his life to include the meditation upon the word of God to develop his faith.  
**(NKJV) Ro 1:17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "The just shall live by faith."**

C. The Hebrews 11 records numerous occasions where God provided success where there was no way of success.

1. Enoch did not die. He sought the face of God

2. Noah save his entire family while the masses perished

3. Abraham became a father of many nations

4. Joseph saw the future

**(NKJV) Heb 11:24 By faith Moses, when he became of age, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, 25 choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin, 26 esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt; for he looked to the reward.**

a. And then he parted the Red Sea

5. the walls of Jericho fell by faith

6. Rahab save her family while others around her perished

7. David slew Goliath when the masses ran away

D. If God would do these miraculous things because of the faith of an individual, surely, he will provide you with enough resources to experience life and experience it abundantly.

1. Remember the challenge, is the challenge of meditating on his word to develop the faith necessary to please God to unleash the power of God in one's life.

- E. Person success in life, again, it is not dependent upon chance or luck but upon his deliberate attention given to the discipline of meditating upon the word of God to develop the strength of his faith.
  - 1. This opportunity is available to all individuals. No matter their social standing, race, ethnicity faith is available to all who will discipline themselves to meditate upon the word of God.
- F. A person who has developed his faith through the process of meditation never has to worry as to whether faith will work.
  - 1. He knows faith works! he knows it is God who guarantees it.

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Meditation causes one to think differently and not walk the road of the masses but to developed the boldness to enter in through the narrow gate

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