

30 DAYS

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INTRODUCTION

True success is not how much money or stuff you have amassed, nor is it the goals you achieve. While these can be an important part of a persons life they are not the sole ingredient to success. Too often we equate a successful life with material possessions and accomplishments. You can read stories of countless people through out history who have made millions and achieved incredible fame yet their lives are unfilled. On the other hand, there are millions of people out there who lead successful, fulfilled lives who may be of modest means. They may not be rich in the financial sense, but they achieve real success in life. Why?

Success is not about being like somebody else. It's not about having Bill Gates' wealth, Albert Einstein's brains, Walt Disney's creative genius, Brad Pitt or Angelina Jolie's looks. When you try being someone else your just end up an imitation and you miss reaching your potential and true success.

There are many different and good definitions of success. According to Stephen Covey, success is when the response meets the challenge. John Wooden defines success as "peace of mind which is a direct result of self-satisfaction in knowing you made the effort to become the best of which you are capable."

I like to define success this way, "Finding God's plan for you life as quickly as possible and live out each day fulfilling that plan. In other words real success success is only achieved when you are living a life of purpose, the purpose you were created for.

Achieving personal success does not have to be difficult. Success is not an impossible dream. You can become successful in life. You can live a life of purpose and destiny. You can fulfill God's plan for your life. The basis of that success is found in the Word of God. The key to uncover your who you really are and who God made you to be is found within God's Word. I have put together 30 different thoughts and scriptures related to success from a Biblical perspective.

I encourage you to take the next 30 days and read each thought and scripture, one each day, then mediate and pray over them. Ask yourself how you can apply, improve or implement those success principles, keys, thoughts or ideas in your life. After doing this for 30 days you will have a greater understanding of God's plan for success in your life and how to step into God's destiny of success for your life.

May God bless you!

Bruce

Day 1.

True success is not defined by worldly values, but by keeping the faith and finishing the race of life God has assigned you. Fulfilling God's purpose while pursuing Godliness allows you to complete a truly successful journey of life.

2 Timothy 4:7 (NKJV)

7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

Day 2.

Determine to live every day and every moment by the Word of God.

Matthew 4:4 (NKJV)

4 "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God."

Day 3.

Be disciplined. Success requires you do what you know needs to be done even when you don't feel like doing it. You must have self control.

Proverbs 25:28 (VOICE)

28 Like a conquered city with no walls, so is a man who has no self-control.

Day 4.

Be led by the Spirit. The Holy Spirit will lead and guide you into all truth (John 16:13). He will give you divine direction that will lead to success and prosperity.

Romans 8:14 (NET)

14 For all who are led by the Spirit of God are the sons of God.

Personal thoughts and applications: _____

Your success depends on others. Look for people who share your vision, values and your faith. God created you for relationship. Relationship with Him, family, and other believers. You cannot succeed in life alone.

Ecclesiastes 9-10 (NIV)

"Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their work: If one falls down, his friend can help him up. But pity the man who falls and has no one to help him up!"

Live your God given PURPOSE! Discover what God created you to do and do it - everyday!

Ephesians 2:10 (AMP)

10 For we are God's [own] handiwork (His workmanship), [a]recreated in Christ Jesus, [born anew] that we may do those good works which God predestined (planned beforehand) for us [taking paths which He prepared ahead of time], that we should walk in them [living the good life which He prearranged and made ready for us to live]."

Character and integrity are the foundational stones upon which true success is built. Success in life isn't determined by what you possess but by who you are.

2 Peter 1:5-8 (NLT)

5 ... Supplement your faith with a generous provision of moral excellence, and moral excellence with knowledge, 6 and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with patient endurance, and patient endurance with godliness, 7 and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love for everyone. 8 The more you grow like this, the more productive and useful you will be..."

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Get wisdom and understanding. You then can correctly apply the knowledge of God's Word which produces a life of success. It is more valuable than gold or silver

Proverbs 4:7 (NKJV)

7 Wisdom is the principal thing; Therefore get wisdom. And in all your getting, get understanding.

Personal thoughts and applications: _____

The words you speak will either make you or break you. Speak faith filled words - they bring success.

Proverbs 18:20

Death and life are in the power of the tongue.

Personal thoughts and applications: _____

Never give up! If plan A fails -there are 25 more letters in the alphabet. The only way you do not succeed is if you quit.

Galatians 6:9 NIV

Don't grow weary in doing good for at the proper time you will reap a harvest if you do not give up.

Personal thoughts and applications: _____

Take action now! Doing nothing is a decision for failure. God blesses the work of our hand. Do something!

Deuteronomy 28:8 (NIV)

8 The Lord will send a blessing on your barns and on everything you put your hand to.

Personal thoughts and applications: _____

Keep first things first! Proper priorities produce success. If you put second things first you will lose the first and second. Don't violate God's divine order.

Matthew 6:33 (NIV)

33 But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Personal thoughts and applications: _____

It's all in the attitude. Your attitude not your apptitude, will determine you altitude. Good attitude good success, bad attitude no success.

Philippians 2:5 (NLT)

5 You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had.

Keep learning! If you stop learning, you'll stop growing. Successful people are lifelong learners.

Proverbs 18:15 (NLT)

15 Intelligent people are always ready to learn. Their ears are open for knowledge.

Unlearn the wrong and untrue that you've learned. Unlearning can be harder than learning, but success is as much about unlearning the things that hold you back, so you can replace them with what is right and true.

Romans 12: 2 (ESV)

"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect."

Escape your rut. If you do what you've always done, you'll get what you've always gotten. If you're satisfied with where you are by all means keep doing what your doing, BUT if you want the greater - Do something different and new.

Isaiah 43:19 (NKJV)

19 Behold, I will do a new thing, Now it shall spring forth; Shall you not know it? I will even make a road in the wilderness And rivers in the desert.

Do the impossible - that's when true success is found. Nothing is impossible. Impossible is not a fact. It's an opinion. Impossible is not a declaration. It's a dare. Impossible is potential. Impossible is temporary. Impossible is nothing.

Luke 1:37 (NKJV)

37 For with God nothing will be impossible."

Personal thoughts and applications:

Work Hard. The only place success comes before work is in the dictionary.

While most are dreaming of success, winners wakeup and work hard to achieve it.

Colossians 3:23 (NIV)

23 Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters,

Work Smart. Success comes not only with working hard, but with working smarter. Work hard at working smart.

Ecclesiastes 4:6 (NLT)

6 And yet, "Better to have one handful with quietness than two handfuls with hard work and chasing the wind."

Personal thoughts and applications: _____

Pray always. Prayer is communicating with God. Effective communication is the key to relationship. Your success depends on your relationship with God. You can never reach your full potential without prayer. Prayer is key to your success.

Ephesians 6:18 (Voice)

18 Pray always. Pray in the Spirit. Pray about everything in every way you know how! And keeping all this in mind, pray on behalf of God's people. Keep on praying feverishly, and be on the lookout until evil has been stayed.

Keep Your Ax Sharp. If you become dull you lose your effectiveness, efficiency and productivity - in other words less successful. Invest in yourself regularly - spiritually, mentally, and physically with the wisdom of God. STAY SHARP!

Ecclesiastes 10:10 (NIV)

If the ax is dull and its edge unsharpened, more strength is needed, but skill will bring success.

Believe! To succeed in life you first must believe that you can. If you believe you can't, you won't. If think you maybe, you might. Believe you can and you can!

Mark 9:23 (NKJV)

23 Jesus said to him, "If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes."

Personal thoughts and applications: _____

Write your vision. Vision brings provision, it gives direction, it produces discipline, it keeps you focused, and provides your roadmap to success.

Habakkuk 2:2 (NKJV)

2 Then the Lord answered me and said: "Write the vision And make it plain on tablets, That he may run who reads it.

GET THE GOD FACTOR IN YOUR LIFE

Great job! You've made it through 23 days for success. You have one more week to go. Keep it up and finish strong.

Part of success is persevering and overcoming set backs and disappointments. On day 10 we talked about "Not Giving Up". The only way you do not succeed is if you quit.

I've written a book titled "<u>The God Factor</u>". The way we overcome barriers and obstacles in life is with God's help. Two plus two always equals four unless you put God in the equation. When you include God in your life it changes everything. The impossible becomes possible. It is called the "**God Factor**".



To download a free copy of the book go <u>CLICK HERE</u> to get the download link.

Make no more excuses! Excuses are for those who need them. They keep you trapped in a limited life of failure instead of experiencing the unlimited life of success God has for you. Decide today, No More Excuses.

Luke 14:18-20 ESV

But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a field, and I must go out and see it. Please have me excused.' And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to examine them. Please have me excused.' And another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.'

Generosity! Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, to all the people you can, as long as you can. Be a success! Be generous!

Proverbs 11:24-25 (NIV)

24 One person gives freely, yet gains even more; another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty.25 A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed.

Have a spirit of excellence! Pursuing excellence in all that you do will bring success in all of your life. Make excellence a habit.

Daniel 6:3 (NKJV)

3 Then this Daniel distinguished himself above the governors and satraps, because an excellent spirit was in him; and the king gave thought to setting him over the whole realm.

Be Enthusiastic! Enthusiasm means to be zealous, joyous, passionate, and energetic. You will succeed in whatever you exhibit unlimited enthusiasm. How enthusiastic are you?

Romans 12:11 (NLT)

11 Never be lazy, but work hard and serve the Lord enthusiastically.

Humility. Greatness is achieved when we are great in humility. Stay small in your own eyes. Humility is not thinking less of yourself, rather thinking of yourself less. All the glory goes to Jesus. Humility is a key to success in life,

Matthew 23:12 (NKJV)

12 And whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.

Fight the Good Fight. Success in life does not come without a fight, so make it a good fight. The only way a fight is good is if you win. You are destined to win if you stay in faith, not in fear or doubt. The greatest weapon you have is the Word of God. The harder the struggle the more glorious the triumph. Fight the good fight.

1 Timothy 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.

Day 30.

Walk in Love! Love never fails, it guarantees success in life. If what we do is not motivated by the love of God the result is only like the sound of a clanging symbol. However, when you choose to walk in love it brings peace, joy, and victory. Choose to walk in love for success in life.

Ephesians 5 (NKJV) Walk in Love

5 Therefore be imitators of God as dear children. 2 And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma.

CONCLUSION

God's will for your life is to be successful. To have life and life more abundantly. (John 10:10)

I want you to realize God has put everything in place for you to succeed. He has given you incredible favor. Think about it -:

- He made you more than a conquerors through Christ (Rom. 8:37)
- He always leads you in triumph in Christ (2 Cor. 2:14)
- He has given you everything you need for life and godliness (2 Pet. 1:3)
- He has blessed you with every spiritual blessing (Eph. 1:3)
- The Holy Spirit helps you in your weakness (Rom. 8:26)
- His strength is perfected in your weakness (2 Cor. 12:9)
- He forgives and cleanses you from every sin (1 John 1:9)
- He endues you with power from on high (Acts 1:8)
- He works every thing for good for those who love Him (Rom. 8:28)

Does this sound like a God who wants you to fail?

MAKE YOUR LIFE COUNT

You only have one life to live, from the day you were born until the day you die. What happens between those two dates is your life. There was a man, who as he walked through a historical cemetery filled with the tombstones of many famous Americans, noticed how each stone, some very large, some small and others very ornate, all had the date they were born with a "DASH" and the date they died. There was nothing about their lives - accomplishments, successes, or legacy, their whole life represented by a simple "dash".

What is the dash in your life? Your life is a gift from God. He has a divine plan for your life, but it is your choice how you live your life. You can choose to waste it, spend it, or invest it. Life is short so make it count. Make your life a success. That is God's plan for you.

Our lives on earth have a morning, a noon and an evening. Most do not think about it until the "noon" of their life. What on earth am I here for? How will I make the best of the time I have left?"

Use this book as catalyst to stepping into your destiny and the success God has for you. Focus on the truly important things in life, things that are eternal. Allow God to direct and help you set eternal priorities and stay focused on the things that make a difference. No matter what season of life you are in it is never too late to re-align your life and begin moving in the right direction. I invite you to make a new commitment today to begin to write the dash in your life with the success God has for you. Your life is a gift from God and He has design you for success. Go for it - you can do it!

Personal Prayer of Commitment

Father, I realize the first step to success in life is making Jesus the Lord of my life. I believe that Jesus Christ is Your Son and that He was crucified, buried, and resurrected to provide eternal life and all of its benefits for me in this life as well as in the life to come with You in heaven.

I surrender my life and my will to you, and I accept Jesus, as my personal Savior and Lord. Thank You for empowering me with the Holy Spirit. I want to live out my purpose, the purpose you created me for.

Thank You, Lord, for giving me Your plan, strategies and directions for living a life of purpose and achieving the success you want for my life. I have absolute victory in You, Lord Jesus! Thank You!

Signature

Date

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