

“God’s Principles for Success”

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Note: Unless otherwise noted, all Scriptures are from the NKJV Bible.

“This is the beginning of a new day. God has given me this day to use as I will. I can waste it or use it for good. What I do today is very important because I am exchanging a day of my life for it. When tomorrow comes, this day will be gone forever, leaving something in its place I have traded for it. I want it to be gain, not loss...Good, not evil... Success, not failure in order that I shall not forget the price I paid for it.”
(Anonymous)

Take time today to evaluate how you used your days in 2017 and consider God’s principles for Success as you plan each day in 2018.

Joshua 1:5-9

- God was speaking to Joshua as he was preparing to lead the children of Israel into the promised land.
- God was Setting Joshua up to Succeed.
- God is setting us up to succeed in 2018.

Joshua 1:5-7 “No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life; as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. **I will not leave you nor forsake you. Be strong and of good courage**, for to this people you shall divide as an inheritance the land which I swore to their fathers to give them. **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.**”
(Emphasis added)

- We are strong and courageous because God is with us.
- We will prosper when we observe and obey God’s commandments.

How to be Successful in 2018

Joshua 1:8-9 “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. 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.”

1. Keep God’s Word in your mouth.

It should be a part of your everyday conversations.

Matthew 12:36-37 “But I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment. For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.”

Proverbs 18:21 “Death and life are in the power of the tongue, And those who love it will eat its fruit.”

2. Meditate on God’s Word.

Think about it all the time; say it over and over again.

Romans 12:1-2 “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. 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.”

3. Apply God’s Word in your life.

Obey God’s word; apply it to your situation.

Deuteronomy 6:6-9 “And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.”

James 4:13-17 “Come now, you who say, ‘Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, spend a year there, buy and sell, and make a profit’; whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away. Instead you ought to say, ‘If the Lord wills, we shall live and do this or that.’ But now you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil. Therefore, to him who knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin.”

Psalms 19:14 “Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart Be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer.”

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