

Walking in Our Divine Assignment: How to Be a Success

I. HAVING A BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVE OF SUCCESS

- A. God invites everyone to be great in His kingdom. He put within each of us a longing to be great and successful. We cannot repent of this longing, but repent of seeking after it in a wrong way.
- B. There is much confusion, pain, and disillusionment related to what a great and successful life is. We need a biblical definition of what success is. Our humanistic culture defines success in terms of receiving recognition from people and being in a position of influence with great finances.
- C. God invites us to greatness without regard to our outward achievements or the size of our position or impact. It is based on the development of our heart in love, meekness, and revelation.
1. We are to focus on being great in His sight rather than in the sight of men.
 2. It is based on our heart responses not on natural giftings and resources.
- D. God gave each person an assignment that will lead to their greatness with eternal rewards. This is based on the capacities that He gave each mentally, physically, emotionally, and financially. We will be rewarded according to what God entrusted to us. We are not accountable for what we do not have. Some have despair over what they do not have. They neglect to use what they do have and to apply it to the best of their ability.
- ¹⁴If anyone's work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward. (1 Cor. 3:14)*
- E. The definition of a great and successful life is found in doing God's will and in hearing Jesus say to us, "Well done, good and faithful servant." All can succeed in their God-given assignment.
- ²¹Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord... (Mt. 25:21)*

II. THE IMPORTANCE OF HAVING RIGHT EXPECTATIONS

- A. People get discouraged if they have a wrong perspective on what they are supposed to be doing. They are told to pursue greatness in their life and they often misinterpret it in terms of having a large individual position or impact. This causes despair and discouragement to many.
- B. They get disillusioned by the smallness of their impact, concluding that they have been cheated in life. This pain can be avoided by knowing that God is pleased by our love and labors.
- ¹²Hope deferred makes the heart sick... (Prov. 13:12)*

III. A SUCCESSFUL LIFE: KEY AREAS TO FOCUS ON

- A. God is focused on the size of our heart responses whereas we are usually focused on the size of our position and impact. Our position and impact may not be large, but we can be successful before God by growing deep in love, being faithful, and walking with a servant spirit.

- B. **Doing Good:** We walk in the two great commandments to love God and people (Mt. 22:37-39)
³⁷*You shall love the LORD...with all your heart...*³⁸*This is the first and great commandment.*
³⁹*And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. (Mt. 22:37-39)*
1. **Heart connect with God:** Develop a vibrant spirituality which includes prayer, fasting, talking to God, walking in obedience to God's will, and growing in understanding and faith in God's Word. We seek to see the first commandment have first place in our life.
 2. **Building godly relationships:** Seek to develop deep relationships with few by mutually sharing with an open heart and the investment of time and love. Start with your family. Do not wait for people to invest in you. Rather, take initiative to invest in them.
²⁴*A man who has friends must himself be friendly... (Prov. 18:24)*
- C. **Being faithful in our assignment:** We commit to being faithful or diligent in our life assignment. This includes our preparation, skill development, and work related to our life assignment. Our assignment involves diligently preparing ourselves to help others.
1. God gives each individual various specific assignments. These assignments may be in the home, marketplace, church, neighborhood, or in various areas of society.
 2. We work hard with diligence as we make disciples, release God's kingdom ways in whatever place we are by encouraging people, winning the lost, praying for the sick, etc.
- D. **Servant spirit:** Develop humility toward God and people. We cultivate a servant spirit that sees others as important. We treat them with kindness and generosity with our words and resources.
³*In lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. ⁴*Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others. (Phil. 2:3-4)**
- E. Doing God's will involves denying our own agenda. The God who orchestrated the crucifixion of Jesus is orchestrating ours right now. He also orchestrates our resurrection.
²⁷*Whoever does not bear his cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple. (Lk. 14:27)*
- F. We live with a teachable spirit by knowing how much we need to learn.
- G. **Excellent spirit:** The Bible speaks of Daniel as having an excellent spirit (Dan. 5:12) "extreme, extraordinary". It is a gift God places inside of you that causes you to "see" things and "know" things, and causes you to act in a way that makes you attractive and valuable.
- H. You become one step ahead of where others are at. This attitude is what makes you indispensable to others. They cannot afford to not have you on their team. Learning to be a servant leader with a biblical mindset is the quickest way to be a success in life, walking in your divine assignment and destiny.