

THE SUCCESSFUL CHRISTIAN LIFE

Joshua 1:6-9

Joshua 1:1-2, 5 The promotion and longevity of Joshua did not come easy for this great leader. Whenever God commends someone in the bible, whether O. T. or N. T., we can rest assured that there has been a great price that was paid in order to reach a place where God Himself gives commendation.

THINK RIGHT TO SUCCEED

Philippians 4:8 All of our actions, good or bad, are born in the mind. Our potential for spiritual or earthly success is based on a positive biblical attitude. **Rm. 12:2** A renewed spiritual mind can help turn around a negative attitude and get us started down the pathway to a successful, mature spiritual life.

Philippians 3:13-14 Any one of us will hit the target every time if we are not aiming at anything. We cannot achieve success until we define the goal we are reaching for. Without any goals we are drifting along with the crowd. Why follow a crowd when they don't know where they are going?

I Corinthians 9:16-19 Paul set a very high goal for himself in that he wanted to preach the Gospel to every person he came in contact with. We need a goal to reach for and then a plan to attain that goal.

Hebrews 10:35; Philippians 4:13 If we think in terms of what talents we have to reach a spiritual goal we will fail quickly. We must think big because God is big and He will help us succeed.

II Timothy 1:7; I John 4:18 To continue to fill our minds with worry, fear and anxiety is the least productive activity we could do. To think negative all the time is to give in to an undisciplined mind.

BE FAITHFUL TO SUCCEED

Galatians 6:7 We certainly should never expect a physical or material reward on credit. Spiritual blessings from God here on earth will not come without some sort of sacrifice on our part. The law of compensation, regardless of spiritual or material demands payment in advance, we must plant first.

Colossians 3:23-24 We are all involved in a great work for a great God and we should all act like we are happy and enthusiastic about our role in His work. Our success depends on our excitement, our enthusiasm, and our preparation for the moment we see the opportunity to get something accomplished.

Galatians 6:1-6, 10; I Cor. 12:18-25 We are all equal parts within this local assembly and each one, though unique in our gifts, is needed by all the others to complete the body and to reach the common goal. When we help someone else up the hill, we both get closer to the top. Be faithful with your gift.

BE DISCIPLINED TO SUCCEED

Ephesians 5:15-17; Prov. 24:33-34 Success never knocks on the door of a procrastinator. To delay what we know is to be done spiritually is to be disobedient. To be successful in every day life or in your spiritual life is to get done what has to be done whether we like it or not.

Romans 5:3; James 1:12 Problems and trials are either our stumbling stones or God's stepping stones to success. To God, the personal outcome for us in a trial is not as important as our response to the problem. **Prov. 24:16** reminds us that to be knocked down is not defeat but to stay down is.

II Timothy 2:15; I Thessalonians 5:17-18 No Christian can ever expect spiritual success without the two most important Christian disciplines which of course are bible study and prayer to God. Without hearing from our heavenly Father and without prayer and worship toward Him how can we know what the spiritual goals are for ourselves and how would we know how to reach them?