

# ***Mistakes Of “Successful” Men***

## **Lesson Text: Proverbs 3:1-4 (ESV).**

Success Means Different Things To Different People:

1. To The Worldly- It means having everything you want and desire in life.
2. To The Godly- It means having the Lord in your life- **1 Timothy 6:6.**

### **I. Samson.**

- He was a man of great strength and a war hero in Israel- **Judges 15.**
- But with all his great strength, he was weak spiritually because of his desires.
- Samson desired the Philistine women, rather than the Israelite- **Judges 14:1-3.**
- His Mistake: He loved & trusted an unworthy woman with his secret- **Judges 16.**
- The Lord had departed from him- **Judges 16:20.**

### **II. King Saul.**

- Saul was chosen by God to be the first king of Israel- **1 Samuel 9:1-2.**
- He disobeyed God out of fear of men- **1 Samuel 13:8-12; Samuel 15:10.**
- His Mistake: He let Jealousy, Envy, And Pride consume him- **1 Samuel 18:6-11.**
- The Lord departed from him- **1 Samuel 18:12-15.**

### **III. King Solomon.**

- David’s son, next to rule in peace and safety/build the Temple- **1 Chron. 22:6-10.**
- He was exceedingly wealthy- **1 Kings 10:14-23; vs. 27.**
- He Had asked for wisdom from the Lord- **1 Kings 3:5-9; 1 Kings 10:24.**
- His Greatest Mistake: He married many heathen women who turned his heart away after idolatry- **1 Kings 11:1-8.**

### **IV. The Rich Farmer.**

- **Luke 12:16-21.**
- He was a great success as a farmer.
- He was thrifty, he was planning, and preparing all for himself.
- He was likely admired as a man of success in the community.
- His Mistake: He foolishly laid up treasure for himself, and wasn’t rich toward God.

### **V. The Rich Man Of Luke 16.**

- **Luke 16:19-31.**
- He was likely the envy of many who saw his great wealth.
- He had the best of everything and never lived in want!
- His Mistake: Not being a kind and generous person who helped others.

### **VI. The Rich Young Ruler.**

- **Matthew 19:16-22.**
- He was rich, religious, and young- **Luke 18:23; 18:18; Matthew 19:20.**
- Even Jesus loved him- **Mark 10:21.**
- His Mistake: He loved his possessions too much to part with them- **Matthew 19:22.**