

“Successful Living”

Lesson Text: Joshua 1:1-9.

Intro. What does it mean to be successful in life? How would we define what true success would be? What are the indicators of success?

Success: “the fact of getting or achieving wealth, respect, or fame; the correct or desired result of an attempt.” (Merriam Webster)

I. Success Or Failure In The Bible:

1. Some Are Always Failures- Cain, Rehoboam, Ahab & Jezebel, Belshazzar,
2. Some Are Always Successful- Enoch, Job, Samuel, Elijah, Joshua, Caleb, Barnabas...
3. Some Start Out Successful, But In The End Fail- Baalam, King Saul, Judas, Demas...
4. Some Start As Failures, But Finish With Success- Rahab, King Manasseh, Prodigal son, Saul/Paul, John Mark, Onesimus....

II. Success Is In Reach For All Of Us.

A. Matthew 7:7-8; 1 Corinthians 9:24-27.

- But we must seek it with all of our heart- **Deut. 4:29; 2 Chronicles 31:20-21.**

III. The Conditions Of Success.

1. There Must Be A Fixed Purpose.

- David- **Psalm 17:3-5.**
- Solomon- **Ecclesiastes 12:13.**
- Daniel- **Daniel 1:8.**
- Barnabas- **Acts 11:23.**
- Paul- **2 Corinthians 5:9.**
- Do we have a fixed purpose in life?

2. Perseverance In Doing Right.

- Examples of men who persevered- **Edison, Lincoln.....**
- **Mark 13:13; Galatians 6:9.**
- **Hebrews 12:3-4 – 10:32-39.**
- Will we be tempted to give up?

3. Courage In The Name Of God.

- **Joshua 1:7; John 16:33; Mark 15:43.**
- **1 Corinthians 16:13.**
- Will there be times our courage will be tested?

4. Obedience To God’s Commands.

- **Joshua 1:8; Deuteronomy 29:9; James 1:22-25.**
- This why Many failed in the Bible!
- **Revelation 22:14-15.**