

# All Success Is by Faith

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## **Principles of Success**

### **Success is relative**

Your Success Experience

- Your definition/belief about success is like a map, it will determine your journey and your destination
  - If you believe success is sinful/bad you will not pursue it – **Pro.10:22**
  - If you believe you have to work hard for it, you will
  - If you believe you are not successful you will not be successful

Beliefs are different from thoughts

- Thoughts are short-term.
  - Thoughts occur because of what we choose to think about.
  - Thoughts have the ability to create emotions. Emotions are also short-term. They tend to last as long as we have our thoughts focused or until we focus on a new thought.
  - This is why positive thinking fails to bring long-lasting change for most people. It only works as long as we can control our thoughts.
- Beliefs are long-term. **Pro.23:7** –Thinks in his heart
  - They generate our prevailing, subconscious thoughts that emerge effortlessly to direct and control our life.
  - Beliefs give rise to long-term feelings. Feelings are abiding! They are a reflection of our sense of self.
  - Our subconscious thoughts and long-term feelings require no effort; they simply emerge when we are not consciously focused.
- Conflict between thought and beliefs produces stress

Your Definition of Success

- YOUR DEFINITION OF SUCCESS IS RELATIVE and determined by your programming: social, cultural, and religious
  - At some points in your life you unconsciously accepted some beliefs and they are manifested today
    - Many beliefs you have are formed before age 5 and are still controlling your life
- If you were born in a wealthy family and get a Job with \$100K, you may not be too excited because you are used to have more, but if you were poor you will think that you are very successful
  - **Logos: I have to be willing to give up what I believe to find something better!**
- NOW YOU CAN CHOOSE NEW BELIEFS AND CHANGE YOUR DESTINY

The Ceiling of Your Success

- Is not determined by your problems of today, what is around you or your past
- It's what you believe, HOW YOUR HEART HAS BEEN PROGRAMMED
  - DEFENSIVE: If you defend your position you will remain there, prisoner of your beliefs
  - THREATENED: The level to which you feel threatened is proportional to the degree of change you must make
  - If you push yourself beyond your programming you will sabotage yourself back
- **Logos: YOU CANNOT BE RECEPTIVE AND DEFENSIVE AT THE SAME TIME**

You Must Be Fully Persuaded

- Your feelings will go along with your true beliefs – **Rom.4:16-22**

## **Questions to Consider**

1. Please explain the difference between beliefs and thoughts? How can you distinguish them?

2. What is the difference between feelings and emotions?
3. Why is success relative?
4. How does repentance relate to changing your beliefs?
5. How can we identify our beliefs?