

Achieving Goals vs. Spiritual Success

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Receiving the Promises Is not by Works

We are saved through faith not works - Eph.2:2-8-10

- The danger of fighting or working hard to get the promises – (Works vs. Faith)
 - FLESH VS. SPIRIT – Not by might not by power but by my Spirit – Zech.4:6
 - The Flesh gets tired, the Spirit is tireless

Succeeding at Something vs. Being Successful

True Success

TRUE SUCCESS IS A STATE - NOT ACHIEVING A GOAL

- YOU MUST “WORK” TO ACHIEVE A GOAL
 - This labor has no end or rest – It’s the CURSE OF THE FALL – Gen.3:9
 - To achieve a goal we can do wrong action
- GOALS PRODUCE A COMPARTMENTALIZED LIFE
 - Conflicting Goals and Hierarchy of Goals
 - Go after money, neglect God
 - Committed to God, neglect family
 - Focus on Family, slacking off work...
 - To achieve success in one area can produce failure in other areas –
 - 1Tim.6:10-11 – LOVE OF MONEY is the root of all evil - MONEY IS NEUTRAL
 - Lack of money can destroy you
 - But, when you measure your success with money, the more money you have, the greater your problems
 - Pro.1:32 – The prosperity (Heb. shal-vah = security) of the fool destroys him
 - Tit.1:15 – To the pure all things are pure

True Success Is the Result of “Being” not “Doing”

YOUR DECISIONS - Based on Fear or Survival

- They RESULT FROM FIGHT OR FLIGHT RESPONSE
 - Your beliefs are negative, focusing on lack and danger
 - Your blood is directed to your muscles
 - Your thinking brain is no longer creative but frozen
 - Your immune system is not operating
- They COME FROM THE CARNAL MIND
 - It brings out the worse of you
 - It makes you think: “This is too much to cope with!”
 - Rom.8:5-7 – To be carnally minded is death

YOUR DECISIONS - Based on Your Healthy Identity

- They COME FROM YOUR HEART
 - Connects you to your “Wired In” success programming
 - You are at peace, relaxed and confident
 - Our beliefs are positive
- Are always centered on your RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD
 - Affect positively all aspects of your life, you focus on possibilities
 - Produce Healing in your Emotions and Body
 - You choose the right things with wisdom

Logos: Say: “I am therefore I do, not I do to become”

Questions to Consider

1. How does receiving the Promises of God relate to Eph.2:2-10
2. Why can succeeding in achieving goals have negative consequences?

3. Please, explain the meaning of Tit.1:15
4. Considering 1Tim.6:10-11 can we say that having money is evil?
5. What is your attitude concerning money?
6. How do you think God sees money?
7. Why is tithing important in our spiritual walk?
8. What does it mean that success is not achieving goals but a spiritual state?
9. How is your decision-making affected by your spiritual/emotional state?