

HAVING SUCCESS THE RIGHT WAY!

My Life. I'm in Control. – Part 1

Joshua 1:8 (NIV)

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“Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.”

Joshua 1:8 (NIV)

I. WORLDLY MEASUREMENTS OF SUCCESS:

- **How I look.** (1 Sam. 16:7, Gal. 2:6)
- **What I have.** (Mark 8:36, Lk. 12:15)

****Success is determined by who I am****

- *"By the grace of God I am what I am." 1 Corinthians 15:10a (NIV)*

II. A BIBLICAL DEFINITION OF SUCCESS

(Based on the life of the Apostle Paul)

S - SENSE OF DIRECTION.

"I run straight toward the goal, in order to win the prize, which is God's call through Christ Jesus to the life above." Philippians 3:14 (GNT)

U – UNDERSTANDING. (WISDOM)

"May the Lord lead you into a greater understanding of God's love and the endurance that is given by Christ." 2 Thessalonians 3:5 (GNT)

"The beginning of wisdom is this: Get wisdom. Though it cost all you have, get Understanding." Proverbs 4:7 (NIV)

C – COMMITMENT.

"However, I consider my life worth nothing to me, if only I may finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me..." Acts 20:24 (NIV)

C – COMPASSION. (LOVE)

“I may have all knowledge ... and the faith to move mountains ... I may give away everything I have – but if I have no love, this does me no good. ”

1 Corinthians 13:2-3 (GNT)

- Compassion definition: Sympathetic pity and concern for the sufferings or misfortunes of others.

E - EXTREME FAITH.

“I have the strength to face all conditions by the power that Christ gives me. ”

Philippians 4:13 (GNT)

“If God be for us, who can be against us. ” Romans 8:31 (NIV)

S - SERVICE TO OTHERS.

“... we carry out this service of love for the Lord’s glory and to show that we want to help. ”

2 Corinthians 8:19 (GNT)

S - STANDING POWER.

“We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned, struck down, but not destroyed. ” 2 Corinthians 4:8-9 (NIV)

Paul’s Outlook on Life: 2 Corinthians 4:16-18. (We do not lose heart!)