

THE PASTOR'S MINUTE

"The Most Important Ingredient For Success" (Part I)



Success is one thing everyone wants. Think about it. Have you ever met anyone who did not want to be successful?

First of all, there is nothing wrong with wanting to be successful. The truth of the matter is, that God desires for all of His children to be successful.

In Colossians 1:10, Paul speaks of *"Being fruitful in every good work..."* Hebrews 13:20-21 says, *"May the God of peace ... make you perfect (complete) in every good work to do His will ..."* And then again, in II Corinthians 9:8, Paul reminds us that *"God is able to make all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work."*

So, the Bible is clear: God wants us to be successful. But in order to fully understand this, we must define what success in God's eyes really is.

Webster's dictionary gives us two definitions of the word:

1. **Success:** "the attainment of wealth, fame and property." This is the way people view success. For instance, "the more I have, the more successful I am."
2. **Success:** "the accomplishment of what is desired or aimed at." God's view of success is "the accomplishment of what He desires for my life." God's view of success has nothing to do with the "stuff" that we acquire.

You see, God has a plan for every person on this planet. Though every person is different, and though they possess different abilities, different talents, different personalities, God still has a "tailor-made" plan for each one. He is concerned about your life, your family, where you live and work and what is exciting about this whole thing is, that God wants the very best for you! The bottom line today is this: Every person's success depends, not on whether God has a plan, but instead, on whether each person follows His plan.

In John 2:1-11, we find the story of Jesus' first miracle. As you know, it took place at the wedding at Cana. In this story, Mary, the mother of Jesus, gives us the most important ingredient for success. It is found in verse 5 . . . *"His mother saith unto the servants, whatsoever He saith unto you, do it!"* The key to success is simply "obedience."

God wants you to have success! He wants our families to have success. He wants our churches to have success. How will it happen? *"Whatsoever He saith unto you ... Do it!"*

See Ya Sunday,
Pastor Johnny

Sunday Services

Sunday School ~ 9:30 AM
(at 1400 South Broad Street)
Morning Worship ~ 10:45 AM
(at Cairo High School Auditorium)
Evening Worship ~ 6:00 PM
(at Cairo High School Auditorium)

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Small group discipleship classes
for all ages ~ 7:00 PM
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