

## THE PASTOR'S MINUTE

### *"The Most Important Ingredient For Success"* (Part II)



Success is one thing that everyone wants, but something everyone doesn't have. Most folks measure success by the "things" they are able to acquire. But, God measures success by whether or not we are following His plan for our lives. In John 2:1-11, we read the story of Jesus' first miracle. It is in this story where we find the most important ingredient for success. Mary, the Mother of Jesus, gives it to us in verse 5 . . . *"His mother saith unto the servants, whatsoever He saith unto you, do it!"* the most important ingredient for success is simply, "obedience."

You see, you can have the right vision, the right dream, the right people, the right equipment, the right everything, but if you do not do what God says **do**, you will ultimately fail. Success comes only as we obey what God says do.

Let's look at some reasons why obedience is so important:

**#1—Our obedience is our acceptance of the will of God:** When I do what God says to do, I am saying that, "I want God's will for my life." God sees the big picture for my life and He knows best. God says in Jeremiah 29:11, *"For I know the thoughts I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of calamity, to give you a future and a hope . . ."* Proverbs 3:5-6 tells us to, *"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. But in all thy ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct thy paths."* So, when I obey what God says, I am accepting His will for my life.

**#2—Our obedience alleviates our chances for rebellion:** The more I obey God, the less I rebel against Him. In I Samuel 15:1-35, we find the story of King Saul's rebellion. In verse 22, Samuel said to Saul, ". . . *To obey is better than sacrifice . . . for rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the Lord, He hath also rejected thee from being king.*" When we deliberately disobey God, we enter into a state of rebellion. If we do this, we will eventually cut ourselves off from the purpose and plan of God. Isaiah 1:19-20 says, *"If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land. But if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword. . ."*

The key to success is obedience. If you desire to be successful and experience the blessing of God in your life, then do as Mary suggested. . . *"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)

### Wednesday Service

**Small group discipleship classes**  
**for all ages ~ 7:00 PM**  
(at 1400 South Broad Street)

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