

Today's Theme

“God's View Of Success”

Series Title

“Success God's Style” Part 1

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How People Define Success

1. We allow _____ to define success.

Problems of This View

- (1) Culture tends to be a _____ target.
- (2) Cultures are generally based on _____.
- (3) Any culture can become _____.

2. We allow _____ to define our success.

Problems of This View

- (1) Who knows _____ the expectations really are?
- (2) Who determines if they are _____?
- (3) What if I _____ fulfill those expectations?
- (4) What about those who are _____ to please?

3. We allow _____ to define our success.

Benefits of This View

- (1) It _____ the problems of other approaches.
- (2) It's _____ and can be understood.
- (3) It's _____ to accomplish.
- (4) Jesus _____ with us as we pursue Him.

God's Picture Of A Successful Person

1. They are not afraid to be _____.

Smart Choices That Produce Success

Ps 1:1 Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers,

- (1) They resist _____ & _____ pressure.
- (2) They _____ to _____ the culture's values.

2. They build their lives on _____ to God.

What It Means to Listen To God

Ps 1:2 but whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who meditates on his law day and night. 3 That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither—whatever they do prospers.

- (1) They _____ listening & following God's Word.
- (2) They _____ their lives after God's word.
- (3) They _____ a life blessed by God.

3. They've _____ the issue of eternity.

The Biggest Blessing of All

Ps 1:4 Not so the wicked! They are like chaff that the wind blows away. 5 Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

Mark 8:35 For whoever wants to save their life[a] will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. 36 What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul?

- (1) To be successful eternity must be _____ with.
- (2) Successful people live with the _____ in mind.
- (3) There is *no* success without a successful _____.

4. They experience _____ with God.

Results of Being Close

Ps 1:6 For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked leads to destruction. Ja 4:8 Come near to God and he will come near to you. John 15:15 I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends,

- (1) Righteousness is doing the _____ thing = success.
- (2) Successful people have lives _____ by God.
- (3) Successful people are _____ by The Lord.