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The Bible says “Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ” (Romans 10:17). To be successful, it is very important for you to saturate your mind with God’s promises.

This audio file will be especially important to you. It is a non-stop recitation of almost every Scripture passage quoted in *The Bible on Success* – that is, virtually every promise in the Bible that deals directly with the subject of success. It is designed to be played in the background during any of your daily activities. (You can even listen to it in your sleep, and many people do.) If you wish, simply program your MP3 player to repeat this file over and over.

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What is Success?

Success means different things to different people. One thing is sure - success isn't always about money, or about what money can buy. In fact, the simplest definition of "success" is probably the best. Success is most commonly defined as *the continuous accomplishment of worthwhile goals*.

People have many types of goals for their lives – monetary goals, spiritual goals, physical goals, intellectual goals, relationship goals, etc. Because the Bible has much to say about all of these, it can be argued that the entire Bible is a book all about success in one form or another. When you think about it, this is probably true. After all, God wants us to enjoy success in our relationship with Him, with others, with our finances, and in everything we do. Without a doubt, *the Bible is the greatest manual on success ever written*, and virtually every popular principle of success originates from this Book.

Fortunately, God has a lot to say about the matter of success. In fact, I count more than 250 verses from the Bible on this very subject (some passages contain several verses). Most of these verses are included in this book.

The Bible clearly teaches us that *if knowing God is your primary goal, then success will be the byproduct*. This is as true in the area of finances as it is with everything every other goal in your life. Therefore, your motivation should always be to seek the Giver, and not just the gifts. However, as a true Father, God

consistently promises that if you pursue a close and loving relationship with Him, and on His terms, the gifts will follow.

It is my hope that this book does more than just help you to accomplish your personal goals. My desire is to lead you into a closer relationship with the One from whom all of these blessings flow.



Successful Servanthood

There is a completely different system of success training to which I would like to introduce you. Like the two aforementioned methods, this one also achieves results.

Unfortunately, most Christians are never exposed to it. This is strange, considering the fact that the Bible heavily endorses this alternative method for success. I call it *Successful Servanthood*.

If you were to discard every book and tape that you have on the subject of success motivation, and use the Bible solely as your *motivation manual*, you will discover a complete and exhaustive repository of success training without the requirement of any elective materials. (And this will certainly save you money on books, tapes and seminars.) It is from this perspective that this book was written.

The person who navigates their way through life using the concepts of *Successful Servanthood* may, in fact, end up in the same socio/economic strata as their secular and new age contemporaries, but they will arrive with every area of their life strengthened and intact.

Successful Servanthood is the only system of success training that I endorse. The reason for this is simple. It is the only method taught and endorsed by God Himself. It is important to remember that *Successful Servanthood* is not a method. Otherwise it could be manipulated, and you could potentially fail at it. Moreover, it could bring you as much stress

as any other method. *Successful Servanthood* is based entirely on your relationship to your Father in heaven. Manipulation is not only unnecessary, but it is not possible.

As a Christian, you are given the liberty to choose any success program you wish. What's more, you are free to eclectically choose various ingredients from several different schools of thought. But be warned – when you use either secular or new age methods to plot your course toward your personal goals, *you are on your own*. Understand that your Father in heaven will only help you do *what He promised to help you do* – nothing more. Therefore, your choice of motivational teachers is simple – God, or this year's best selling author.

Does God Want You to Be Successful?

Before I answer that question, let's ask one that might be a little easier; "Do *you* want your *own* children to be successful?" Your answer to this question may be a qualified "yes", but only if the other aspects of their lives don't suffer as a result.

When it comes to your children, prosperity, by itself, should not be your only goal for their lives. Good, strong character development is what you really want them to achieve. After all, you wouldn't want your kids to attain wealth illegally, would you? You wouldn't want their success to ruin their disposition, or their families.

In other words, you would want them to succeed for all the *right* reasons, having all of the *right* intentions, and with the *right* outcome. If everything in their lives falls in line with God's perfect will for them, then you would be overjoyed if your children appreciated the financial, social and spiritual fruit of their labors. But then you might be just as pleased to see them become humble missionaries.

Let's try another question. "Would you be willing to take any steps to help your children achieve success?" Most parents would do anything in their power to help their children become successful. After all, don't parents help their children with their homework? Don't they teach them how to ride a bike, or hit a ball? They might even help them paint the sign on their

lemonade stand. Sure, you would help your children, but, once again, only if the ultimate outcome is positive overall. And if all of the circumstances were favorable, you would probably do anything you could to help them.

Now, let's think about our heavenly Father for a moment. Why would God give Himself the title of "Father" if He didn't intend to act in a way that would help us to understand the nature of His role in our lives?

If He had called Himself an uncle, aunt, niece or nephew, we should then expect Him to act in a way that is consistent with our understanding of the title. But He doesn't call himself any of these. He calls himself "Father". For this reason, we have every legitimate reason to expect Him to behave in ways that are consistent with what we commonly understand about fatherhood. Since God created the whole institution of Fatherhood, we can, to some degree, understand His fatherly nature by taking a look at the institution of fatherhood that He created.

Just like our earthly fathers have household rules, God has rules for His household as well. Moreover, as I pointed out, His assistance in our lives does not come without conditions. When we meet those conditions, He obligates Himself by His Word to help us. Fortunately, He is not like our earthly fathers, who were limited in both their power and resources. He is wealthy beyond description. He is the most supreme force in the universe. He is also very wise and very just, and He rewards anyone whose heart is completely His.

Just like you want your children to be successful in life, God desires the same thing for you, but only under certain conditions. If you stop and analyze how your child can acquire your assistance, you will be able to understand how God intends to similarly deal with you as *His* child.

If you have any concern that God is *not* interested in your success in this life, the following twenty-two verses should lay the matter entirely to rest.

Psalms 35:27 - The Lord is magnified. He delights in the *prosperity* of His servant.

Psalms 118:25 - O Lord, we ask you to save us. O Lord, we ask You to send *prosperity!*

Psalms 106:5 - O That I may see the *prosperity* of God's chosen ones.

Jeremiah 29:11-12 – The Lord says, "I know the plans I have for you; plans to *prosper* you and not to harm you; plans to give you hope and a future.... You will call to Me and come and pray to Me, and I will listen to you."

Psalms 68:6 - God makes a home for the lonely. He leads out the prisoners into *prosperity*.

Psalms 37:22 - For those blessed by God will *inherit the land*.

Proverbs 8:20 - God says, "I walk in the way of righteousness, in the midst of the paths of justice, to endow those who love Me with *wealth*, so that I may *fill their treasuries*."

Psalms 37:4 - Delight yourself in the Lord, and He will give you the *desires of your heart*.

Nehemiah 2:20 - The God of heaven will give us *success*. Therefore we His servants will arise and build.

Psalms 71:20,21 – You, O Lord, who has shown me many troubles and distresses, You will revive me again, and You will bring me up again from the depths of the earth. O Lord, may You increase my *greatness*, and turn to comfort me.

Job 36:11 - If they hear God and serve Him, they will end their days in *prosperity*, and their years will be with *pleasures*.

Ecclesiastes 5:19 - When God gives any man *wealth* and *possessions*, and then enables the man to enjoy them, and to accept his life and be happy with his work, this is a gift from God.

3 John 1:2 – Beloved, I pray that in all respects you may *prosper* and be in good health, just as your soul *prosper*s.

Leviticus 26:4 – I, the Lord, will give you rains in their season,

so that your land will yield its *produce* and the trees of the field will bear their fruit.

Jeremiah 31:3, 4 - Yes, I, the Lord, have loved you with an everlasting love. With loving-kindness I have drawn you. I will *build you up* again.

Joel 2:26 - You will eat in *plenty* and be *satisfied*, and praise the name of the Lord your God, who has dealt wondrously with you.

Zephaniah 2:7 - For the Lord your God will be mindful of His people and restore their *fortunes*.

Psalms 107:38 – God blesses His people, and they *multiply greatly*; and He does not let their cattle decrease.

Proverbs 10:22 - It is the blessing of the Lord that makes a person *rich*, and He adds no sorrow to it.

Isaiah 30:23 - He will give you rain for the seed which you will sow in the ground, and bread from the yield of the ground, and it will be *rich* and *plentiful*.

Psalms 67:6, 7 - The earth has yielded its produce. God, our God, blesses us. God blesses us, that all the ends of the earth may fear Him.

Faith - Where Success Begins

Just like a young child living at home, you have only four things to do in the household of God:

1. To know and love God.
2. To whole-heartedly believe what He says, when He says it.
3. To obey Him.
4. To love others.

It should not be necessary for God to tell you something over and over before you believe it and do it. How did your earthly father feel when you made him tell you what to do repetitively? How does it make you feel when you have to do the same thing with your own children? A child who respects you and your word is a child who will act immediately on what you say. If you understand this, you will understand something very important about the nature of God's divine Fatherhood.

Picture a father standing in a swimming pool, encouraging his child to leap off the side of the pool into his waiting arms. This very common scene captures the essence of what I am talking about. The father in the pool loves his child. The child is 100% sure that his father will not drop him. To the child, the father's faithful reputation and his word alone gives the child the courage to take the leap of faith.

The Word of our heavenly Father should be just as reassuring to us. God tells us many times to take the plunge based on only one thing - His promise to catch us. When we need more proof than this, or we need to be told over and over, we demonstrate that we have little or no faith in Him. However, when we base our decisions on His Word alone, we exhibit the kind of faith that makes it possible for Him to work through us on our behalf.

Consider how a father in a swimming pool would feel if his child insisted that his father's "promise to catch him" was not enough reason to leave the security of the side of the pool. If you can imagine the frustration that the father would feel, then consider how God must feel when we behave as if His very Word does not provide enough reason for us to act and obey.

Once again, the Bible says that it is impossible to please God without faith (Hebrews 11:6). This is any easy concept to grasp, since it is impossible for our own children to please us without having faith in what we say. Here we see a direct parallel between the fatherhood of God, and the nature of human parents.

Just like the example of the swimming pool, faith is the key to receiving any type of blessing from God. The following verses will further prove the validity of this simple principle, while showing the direct correlation between faith in who God is, and the blessings that He promises you.

Hebrews 11:6 - Without faith it is impossible to please God, for he who comes to God must believe that He exists, and that He is a *rewarder* of those who seek Him.

Proverbs 28:20 - A faithful man will *abound with blessings*.

Matthew 17:20 - If you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, "Move from here to there," and it will move. And *nothing will be impossible to you*.

Genesis 18:14 - Is anything too difficult for the Lord?

Psalms 37:9 - Those who hope in the Lord will *inherit the land*.

Psalms 71:14 - As for me, I will always have hope.

Matthew 21:21 - If you have faith and do not doubt... you will say to this mountain, "Be removed and cast yourself into the sea," and *it will be done*.

Mark 9:23 - Jesus said , "If you believe, *all things are possible* to him who believes."

Mark 11:22-23 - Have faith in God. For truly I say to you that whoever says to this mountain, "Be removed and cast

into the sea," and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, *he will have whatever he says.*

Luke 17:6 - The Lord said, "If you had faith as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, 'Be pulled up by the roots and be planted in the sea,' and it would obey you."

2 Corinthians 5:7 - For we walk by faith, not by sight.

Proverbs 13:2 - From the fruit of his lips a man *enjoys good things.*

Proverbs 23:7 - As a man thinks in his heart, so is he.

Ecclesiastes 11:6 - Sow your seed in the morning, and do not be idle in the evening, for you do not know whether the morning sowing or whether the evening sowing will succeed, or whether both of them alike will be good.

Luke 18:29,30 - Jesus said to them, "Truly I say to you, there is no one who has left house or wife or brothers or parents or children, for the sake of the kingdom of God, who will not receive *many times as much at this time* and in the age to come, eternal life.

A portrait of Gary Crossland, a man with glasses and a goatee, smiling. The background of the entire page is a sunset over a body of water with a grid overlay.

The BIBLE on Success

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“The irony of success motivation is that the highway to prosperity is littered with the broken dreams of millions who have failed *en route*.”

If this describes your experience, perhaps it's time for you to readdress the subject of success in a whole new way.

There is a repository of ancient wisdom which actually claims that its faithful students *always* acquire the success they ultimately seek. What book could ever make such an allegation? Only one - the Bible.

Most people are surprised to learn that almost every principle of success originates from the Bible. What's more, the Scriptures teach a single, simple principle for success call “Successful Servanthood” that anyone can understand.

The Bible on Success is the world's most unique success system. Unlike the faddish “prosperity” movement of the last century, these are the true and timeless teachings of the Bible on success. Everything has been compiled for you in one very simple and easy-to-read book.

The compact disk which accompanies the *The Bible on Success* features a unique audio recording of over 250 Bible verses on the subject of success (read by the author). It has been specially designed to help you memorize and assimilate the promises of the Bible while you work, while you relax, and even while you sleep.

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