



BIBLICAL KEYS TO SUCCESS

God's Instructions For The Good Life

BIBLICAL SUCCESS

When we use the word “success”, it’s important to define it because **worldly success** and **biblical success** look drastically different.

Joshua 1:8

This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have **good success**.

WORLDLY SUCCESS

Worldly success is usually associated with fortune and fame.

For many, being rich and becoming well known is the definition of “success”.

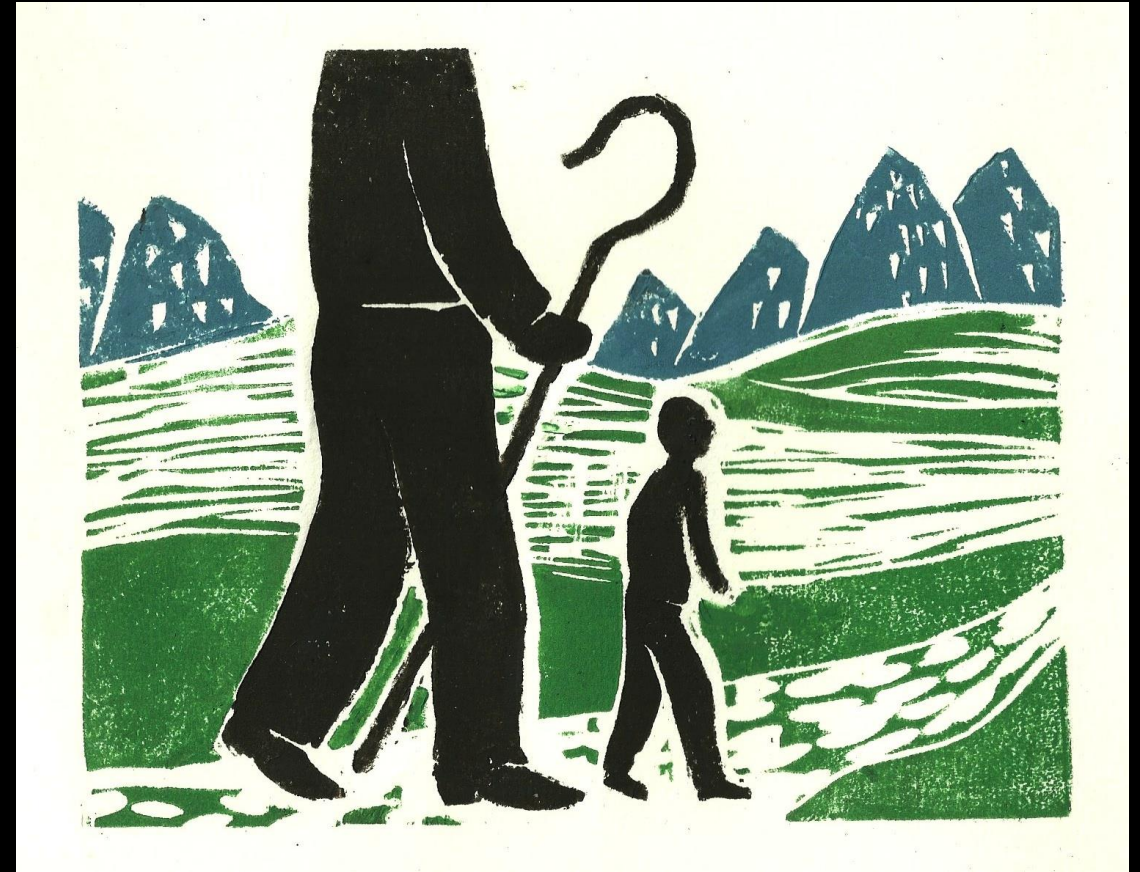


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Proverbs 10:22

²² The blessing of the LORD makes rich, and he adds no sorrow with it.

Biblical success is not fame and fortune. It is a close walk with God, that results in well-being, contentment, provision and protection from God.



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So where do we start
on the road to
success—good
success, the Biblical
kind of success?



#1: PARTNER WITH GOD

Proverbs 16:3

³ Commit your work to the LORD, and your plans will be established.

³ Share your plans with the LORD, and you will succeed. (CEV)

James 4:14b-15

¹⁴ What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes. ¹⁵ Instead you ought to say, **“If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that.”**

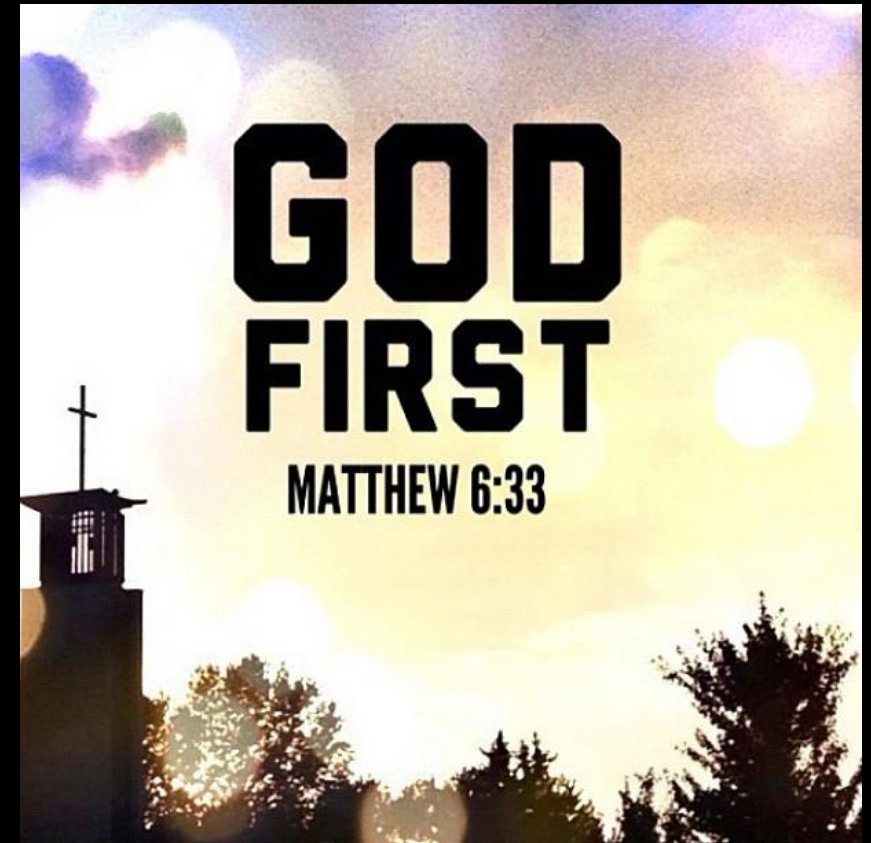


#2: MAKE GOD FIRST IN YOUR LIFE

Proverbs 3:9-10

⁹ Honor the LORD with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce;
¹⁰ then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine.

Honor God by making Him first!



#3: SPEAK AND WORK CORRECTLY

Proverbs 12:14

¹⁴ From the fruit of his mouth a man is satisfied with good, and the **work** of a man's hand comes back to him.

Our words and our work are seeds that will bring a harvest! Work hard, but also speak wisely. The right talk will boost your walk.



#4: LET YOUR APPETITE MOTIVATE YOU

Proverbs 16:26

²⁶ A worker's appetite works for him; **his mouth urges him on.**

It is healthy to have an appetite for good things. Then, this appetite motivates us to make the sacrifices necessary to reach our goal.



#5: SHARPEN YOUR SKILLS

Proverbs 22:29

²⁹ Do you see a man **skillful in his work**? He will stand before kings; he will not stand before obscure men.

Hone your skills. Perfect your craft. Success favors the prepared!



SHARPEN YOUR SKILLS

Ecclesiastes 10:10

¹⁰ If the iron is blunt, and one does not sharpen the edge, he must use more strength, but wisdom helps one to succeed.

If your tool is sharp, it will require less effort—you will get more done in less time!



#6: SEEK GODLY COUNSEL

Proverbs 15:22

²² Without counsel plans fail, but
**with many advisers they
succeed.**

Find counselors with knowledge
and experience in the area you
are considering.



GOD REJOICES IN YOUR SUCCESS

Psalm 35:27

²⁷ Let them shout for joy and be glad, who favor my righteous cause; and let them say continually, **“Let the Lord be magnified, who has pleasure in the prosperity of His servant.”**



It's OK, even desirable, to be successful. As any good parent, God takes pleasure in the success of his children!