**“8” Spiritual Success Clues – March 15, 2023**

**Sometimes we take for Granted Everyone Knows the Key Principles of God (work examples)**

**I’ve (Learned the hard way the no matter how often you communicate & or teach “it can always be improved”)**

**Sometimes Christians get into bad habits or slightly out of whack (1% change over time can add up)**

**Natural realm:**

**Characteristics of Successful businessmen/women:**

1. **Smart**
2. **Experienced**
3. **Hard working**
4. **Good communicators**
5. **Bold**
6. **Moxy**
7. **Innovative (ability to take on and adopt to change)**
   1. **Always looking for better way to serve the customer**
8. **Ability to confront (difficult conversations)**
9. **Leads by example (David – that’s why did the people liked him**

**Spiritual realm:**

1. **Sensitivity of Heart Mark 3:5** And when he had looked round about on them with anger, being grieved for the hardness of their hearts, he saith unto the man, Stretch forth thine hand. And he stretched it out: and his hand was restored whole as the other.

* Pharisees struggled with changing their Religious Philosophy (Kirk at bible Study)
* **Prov 4:22** Guard your heart for out of it come the issues of life
* Some things from the bible are hard to preach on as some people just won’t receive (mild vs meat)
  + some people have explained away specific scriptures or teachings from the word of God.

**Matt 13:15**  For this people's heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should **see with their eyes**, and **hear with their ears**, and should **understand with their heart,** and should be converted, and I should heal them.

1. **Quick to Believe – Faith believes first – then receives the answer.**

**Matt 13:58** And he did not (could not) many mighty works there because of their unbelief.

**Mark 6:6** And he “marveled” because of their unbelief. And he went round about the villages, teaching

**Heb 12:2** Looking to Jesus the author and finisher of our Faith (not others or traditions).

**Mark 11:23** Whosoever shall say unto this mountain, be thou removed and cast into the sea and shall not **doubt** in his heart, but shall **believe**………………..

**Heb 3:19** So we see they could not enter in because of unbelief

1. **Quick to Repent** - **Matt 6:14** For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. 15 But if you do not forgive men their sins, your father will not forgive your sins.

Why did Jesus Forgive the Jews who crucified him and the two men on the cross?

Satan came – but had nothing in him.

Repent also means to change your ways.

1. **Ready to assist** (help) others (talk is cheap) Ex: Good Samaritan

* **Luke 10:30-37** In reply Jesus said: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he fell into the hands of robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. 31 A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. 32 So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. 33 But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. 34 He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, took him to an inn and took care of him. 35 The next day he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.'
* **36** "Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?"
* **37** The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him." Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."

1. **Positive Attitude** – **Matt 9:21** (Woman w/issue Blood) If I may just touch the hem of his garment I will be made whole

**Matt 14:35-36** And when the men of that place had knowledge of him, they sent out into all that country round about, and brought unto him all that were diseased.

**36** And besought him that they might only touch the hem of his garment: and as many as touched were made perfectly whole.

* Can see Faith
* Preach the Gospel and when necessary use words
* Today Faith brings todays Manifestations “Today if you hear his voice”

1. **Hunger After God (Passionate) Matt 5:6** Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

* Luke 5 pressed in (hungered) for God’s word.
* Confess Jesus - Deny me & I will deny you.

1. **Bring your A game every day** (set there tone early for each day’s activities)

* Proverbs has much to say on work effort.
* Favor vs and work effort (results) Favor Opens the door – results keep it open

1. **Its Primarily on God’s timetable** – **Isaiah** - It’s not your ways, but my ways says the Lord

**Ex 14**:13 And Moses Said unto the people, fear not, stand ye still & see the salvation of the Lord.

* Fullness of time “just the right time”
* God is constantly preparing you for success: Property Accounting example.
* **Rom 4: Abraham**
* **17**(As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were.
* **18**Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations, according to that which was spoken, So shall thy seed be.
* **19**And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sarah's womb:

**20**He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God;**1**And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.