



LIFE GROUP LESSON

"FOUNDATION OF GOOD SUCCESS"

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INTRODUCTION TO LESSON

Objective: To observe the biblical foundation for Good Success, through the Word of God, Faith, and Prayer.

Lesson Preparation: - *Joshua 1:8 (AMP)* This book of the law shall not depart out of your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, that you may observe and do according to all that is written in it. For then you shall make your way prosperous, and then you shall deal wisely and have good success.

No matter what area you desire to be successful in, God has a no fail plan for you to succeed. As you study this lesson list areas and ways that you desire to be successful in and apply the principles of this lesson to those desired areas that you feel strong about.

God's Word is full of "promises" in order that the children of God are successful. It could be something that you feel is impossible or unattainable; however, if God has given you a passion, thirst or yearning for this desire you can be successful in attaining it. No matter what area you desire to be successful in, God has a no fail plan for you to succeed.

WEEK 1 - The Word: Foundation of Good Success

Discussion Question: How is God's Word working for you?

The advice that God gave Joshua is also for us today. If we take heed of the Lord's advice, we will have courage and confidence; wisdom and hope for victory. In *Romans 8:37* the Word says, we are more than conquerors. It says we are it doesn't say we are going to be, but now we are victors and defeaters. We must think like conquerors by the renewing of our mind to have the God kind of success here on earth.

1. **God's Word is "Profitable" for doctrine, for reproof for correction, for instruction in righteousness: To be thoroughly equipped for every good work. *II Timothy 3:16 (NKJV)***

- a. For living right – God's way of being right and doing right.
 - b. For Correction – to keep us from error and making mistakes, to keep us on the right track for God's Kingdom purpose in our lives.
 - c. The Holy Spirit is our teacher – *John 14:26*
 - i. He will teach us ALL things: Math, science, relationships, business, which direction our lives should go.
- Proverbs 3:5-6* – Trust God not our own understanding, in his Word is all power and wisdom.

Meditating on the Word makes our way prosperous – *Joshua 1:8 2.*

2. **The Blessing of the Word *Psalms 19:11***

- a. In keeping the Word there is great reward.
- b. *Deuteronomy 6:6-7* – God commands us to teach our children so that we may have a legacy of Godliness and Faith. We may be first generation Christians (our parents may not have been believers but now we are), so it is vital to teach and train our children.

3. **Wisdom comes from hearing and doing the Word of God. *Matthew 7:24***

- a. *Luke 11:28* – Blessed are they that hear the Word of God and keep it.
- b. *James 1:22* – Be ye doers of the Word not hearers only.
- c. *Psalms 1:1-3* Pathway to success in whatever you do: Marriage, business, ministry, etc. A willingness to do things differently.

4. **Speaking the Word of God**

- a. *Proverbs 18:21* - Death and life are in the power of the tongue, keeping the Word in our mouths is creative.
- b. We can change our lives by the words we speak, God said his word does not return void, but shall accomplish that which I please – *Isaiah 55:11*

Spoken words program your spirit (heart) either to success or defeat. Words are containers. They carry faith, or fear, and they produce after their kind. - Charles Capps (God's Creative Power)

WEEK 2 – Faith: Foundation of Good Success

Discussion Question: Describe how your faith has given you success in your everyday life?

So then Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God – Romans 10:17

5. **Now Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.** Hebrews 11:1

- a. We will never enter some things except through faith. God's willingness towards us is multiplied through the knowledge of Him. If we don't know the promises of God, we can't operate in Faith to receive them.
 - i. II Peter 1:2-8 – according to his divine power has given to us all things that pertain unto life and godliness.... exceeding great and precious promises
 - ii. for if these things, be in you...you shall never be barren or unfruitful.
- b. Hope sets the goal for our success – God's word gave Abraham hope to become a Father of many nations.
- c. Hope is a goal-setter. You must have a goal. If you don't set any Goals, or if you don't know where you are going, then how will you know when you get there? How long will it take you to get there? You may not know where you are going, and you may not know how to get there, but a goal gives direction.

Romans 4:20 – When there was no hope Abraham believed in hope that he might give his Faith direction to become a father of many nations.

Matthew 15:21-28 – The Woman of Canaan hoped to receive healing for her daughter who was grievously tormented by a devil. Her goal was to get her daughter healed by Jesus.

What is your goal? Continue to speak your goal for a foundation of good success.

WEEK 3 – Prayer: Foundation of Good Success

Discussion Question: Share a good success testimony of how “your prayer life” has given you success in your everyday life?

As you continue to study and mediate in God's word you will experience the abundant life God promised through Christ Jesus. Praying always, not losing heart, or giving up, being persistent in prayer will bring good success.

6. What is your Petition/Prayer?

- a. Hannah – was barren and asked God for a child – *1 Samuel 1:9-11, 17, 20, 27*
- b. Esther – petitioning the King based on her faith in God and her purpose – *Esther 5:6*
- c. Prayer of Faith – God always answers – *James 5:15*

7. Be Specific and Stand on God's Promises

- a. Decide what you want from God and find the scripture or scriptures that promise you these things. So many times, we are indefinite in our praying.
- b. Pray according to the Word.
- c. Use the Sword of the Spirit Against the Devil
- d. You Must Ask God for What You Want
 - i. *John 16:23,24*
 - ii. *Mark 11:23-24*
- e. Be anxious for nothing – *Philippians 4:6*
- f. Jesus' Name Is the Key
 - i. *John 16:23*: "And in that day ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you,
 - ii. Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you."

WEEK 4 - Expectation for Success

Discussion Question: What is one thing you can change in your life to help lay a foundation of Good Success?

Sometimes we get into habits and routines that we don't know how to break. But there are ways out, but you must discover any negative beliefs that are holding you back.

8. Steps to a Prosperous Way and Good Success

- Believe God's Word is true for you.
- Develop self-discipline - "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law" *Galatians 5:22-23*.

"For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would."
Galatians 5:17.

- Act – *1 Timothy 4:14* Neglect not the gift that is in thee.
- Be patient – *Hebrews 10:35* Don't cast away your confidence for you have need of patience (confident endurance)
- You can accomplish whatever you want to accomplish if you desire and believe.

Psalms 37:4 If you delight yourself in Him, he will give you the desires of your heart.

