

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN WORLDLY SUCCESS AND GODLY SUCCESS

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(Matthew 4:8-9) (1st Samuel 18: 13-14)

The term "*success*" has been misrepresented by many people. They do not comprehend the difference between worldly success and Godly success. Understanding the difference is very important. Worldly success will bring pleasure. Godly success will bring contentment.

Your understanding of success will decide if you are chasing empty dreams or divine purpose. Unfortunately, the media only advertises worldly success which is why people are **IGNORANT** to Godly success.

Worldly success spoils you with materialism while leaving you **VOID** of spiritual authority. Worldly success will give you the power to change what is **AROUND** you. It will not

give you the power to change what is **WITHIN YOU**.

When you become the recipient of worldly success, you will live an abundant life while feeling empty.

Walking in spiritual authority will change everything around you while changing you in the process. Worldly success is centered around obtaining money, fame and popularity. There is nothing wrong with obtaining these things. **HOWEVER**, when you obtain these things, **VOID** of God, they will cause you tremendous harm.

Many people confuse worldly success with Godly success. God will grant you with materialistic items. However, these items do not define Godly success. The system of the world has contaminated the blessings of God with their lack of understanding.

Proverbs 3:5 says, "*Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.*" When you rely on your own understanding, you will take what God gives and use it for the wrong purpose.

The world takes what God gives **WITHOUT** including His purpose. Worldly success is a shallow version of **TRUE** success. It is an external reflection of what success **PRODUCES**.

THE DEVIL TEMPTED JESUS WITH WORLDLY SUCCESS

Matthew 4:8-9

The devil attempted to entice Jesus with worldly success. In Matthew 4:8-9, the devil showed Jesus all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. The devil wanted Jesus to worship him.

Matthew 4:9 says, "*The devil said, "If you bow down and worship me I will give you all these things."* The devil offered Jesus the type of power that could change things **AROUND** Him, leaving Him void of spiritual authority.

When you inherit the type of success that can **ONLY** change your surroundings God will see you as a failure, yet, people will view you as a success.

WHAT IS GODLY SUCCESS?

1st Samuel 18:13-14

In the Kingdom of God success is defined as having **VICTORY**. If you are not victorious in life, you are a failure to God. Victory has **NOTHING** to do with tangible accumulation. Victory is **OVERCOMING** trying circumstances.

When you study what the devil offered Jesus in Matthew chapter 4 you will notice that he offered Him everything **EXCEPT** victory. The devil cannot offer what he does not have.

1st Samuel 18:13-14 says, "*Saul sent David away and made him commander of a thousand soldiers. So David led them in*

*battle. He had great **SUCCESS** in everything he did because the Lord was with Him."*

David was **VICTORIOUS** in every battle He fought. Godly success will empower you to change everything **WITHIN YOU**. David's victories enabled him to become an honorable man of God.

When God empowers a person to partake in Godly success, their attitude, mindset, behavior, perspective and perception **WILL** change. Godly success can only be attained through the power of the Holy Spirit.

THINK ABOUT IT...

- When a person attains **VICTORY** over an addiction doesn't their behavior change?
- When a person attains **VICTORY** over a generational curse doesn't their mindset change?

- When a person attains **VICTORY** over un-forgiveness doesn't their perspective change?
- When a person attains **VICTORY** over greed doesn't their perception change?
- When a person attains **VICTORY** over depression doesn't their attitude change?

WHAT TYPE OF SUCCESS DO YOU
HAVE?

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