

# SUCCEEDING DESPITE CORPORATE POLITICS

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Matthew 6:33

If you work in Corporate America you understand the dynamic of Corporate politics. Corporate politics are centered around who you know, **NOT** what you know. It is not about working hard nor working in excellence.

Corporate politics is about pleasing people who have the power to promote you. People who work in Corporate America have a hard time believing that you can succeed in the Corporate workforce without engaging in their politics.

There are good hearted people who choose to change their attitude, behavior and demeanor to succeed in Corporate America. They believe this is the pathway to achieving success in the Corporate arena. However, it is really the pathway to **DISGRACE**.

The shame a person would feel within themselves is a heavy weight to carry. Knowing that you have focused your efforts on pleasing people to get ahead eats at your soul. Movies have shown us that becoming a player in Corporate politics ensures our success in the Corporate workforce.

That imagery is deceiving. That image of success is not true success. The large salary, the influential position, the high ranking title means nothing if you do not have **PEACE** within your soul.

## PLAYING THE GAME

People who engage in Corporate politics focus on one thing. **SAYING WHAT IS CORRECT RATHER THAN WHAT IS RIGHT**. There is a huge difference in being correct and being right. Have you ever heard of the term, "*politically correct*?"

This term means saying what is **APPROPRIATE** rather than what is accurate. What is appropriate may not be true. What is appropriate may not be righteous. What is appropriate may not please God. Men are pleased when they are applauded despite their decisions.

People who work in Corporate America are looking to be admonished, applauded and praised. They are not looking to be corrected. King Jesus did not seek to appease men. His focus was to correct them.

During Christ era, He was surrounded with Corporate minded people such as the Roman government, the Pharisees and Sadducees. Jesus was unwilling to abide by their Corporate politics. He did not focus on saying what was politically correct.

He focused on saying what was righteous, which increased His persecution yet garnered His success. **YOU CANNOT TRULY SUCCEED WITHOUT BEING PERSECUTED!** King Jesus was not trying to succeed in

the world. He was focused on succeeding in the Kingdom of God.

Are you more focused on succeeding in the world or in the Kingdom of God? By choosing to comply with Corporate politics you are selecting the world's riches over Kingdom treasure. When you focus on saying what is politically correct you will be a success in the world, yet a failure in the Kingdom of God.

When you focus on saying what is righteous you will be a success in the Kingdom of God, yet a failure in the world. When Jesus was crucified on the cross many people in the world thought He failed.

They thought the religious leaders got the best of Him. However, it may have seemed that Jesus failed in the world's view but the imagery of his failure prospered Him for major success in His Kingdom.

## SPEAKING RIGHTEOUS

Speaking **RIGHTEOUS** words may not cause you to be a well liked person in Corporate America. You may not get the promotion you deserve due to your unwillingness to play their game. You will be persecuted because you are not willing to conform to their standards. Despite the attacks that will be launched against you, you will still succeed.

The willingness to be righteous and not conform will influence God to give you **DIVINE** protection. He will make your enemies your foot stool. He will grant you supernatural favor.

He will force evil people to bless you like He sent the raven to feed the Prophet Elijah in 1st Kings 17. He will open new doors of opportunity for you to prosper. When you put the Kingdom of God **FIRST**, He will put you **FIRST**.

Matthew 6:33 says, "*But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.*"

If you can trust God to stand by you when you stand for righteousness, He will make you successful **DESPITE** the Corporate structure. People who speak with righteousness say what is true, honorable, respectful, honest, holy and pleasing to God.

*Do you have the courage to say what is righteous and not what is politically correct?*

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