



The Heart of Success (I Sam. 17/18 & Luke 12)

Sunday, March 14, 2021 AVBC

1. God wants you to be _____.

The Lord was with Joseph and he prospered...his master saw that the Lord was with him and that the Lord gave him success in everything he did... (Genesis 39:2-4a)

I answered them by saying, 'The God of heaven will give us success. We His servants will start rebuilding... (Nehemiah 2:20)

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 success. (Joshua 1:8)

2. Success is more about _____ you are than how you _____.

3. Success is more about who you are than _____ you do.

4. Success is more about who you _____ than what you _____.

Luke 12:13-21

There is no _____ success apart from
a right relationship with the _____!

Success- the ability to _____ and
perceive people and situations from _____

Trust GOD from the bottom of your heart; don't try to figure out everything on your own. Listen for GOD's voice in everything you do, everywhere you go; He's the one who will keep you on track. Don't assume that you know it all. Run to GOD! Run from evil! (Proverbs 3:5-7) (The Message)

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(For personal study, family devotions or Care group use)

Q1: How do you think the world defines "success"?

Q2: The world seems to put a lot of stress on success based upon what a person does.

Consider Matthew 7:22-23. What is even more important than what we do?

Q3: Read I Chronicles 12:23, 32.

What set these individuals apart? What can you learn from their example?

Q4: On a scale of 1-10, how do you think the Lord would rate your "success" from His heavenly perspective? What do you need to do differently to move that number closer to a 10?

Q5: Take the time to read II Kings 18: 17-37; 19:9-13. What kind of threat faced the Israelites?

Read II Kings 19:1-18 to discover King Hezekiah's response to the threat. What were some of the godly ways that he responded to this challenging situation?

Q6: What might you be missing because you might be looking at your life (family, workplace, church) with blinders on? What might the Lord have you notice, appreciate and value if you were more circumspect?

Q7: Return again to II Kings 19. The following is a list of some of the ways Hezekiah responded that led to a successful resolution of his problem. Which one do you think is most important? Which one do you need to particularly apply to a challenge facing you?

- ☐ Get humble (v.1)
- ☐ Enlist godly support and counsel (vs. 2-7)
- ☐ Spread out the problem before God (pray) (v.14)
- ☐ Remind yourself of who God is (vs.15-18)
- ☐ Be specific in your request (v.19)