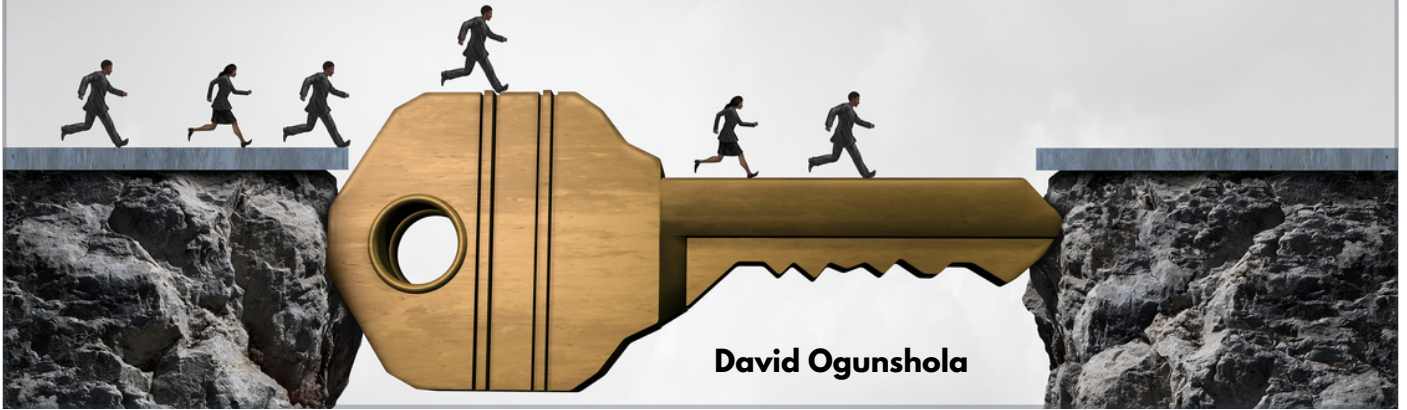


Good Success

Keys and Principles for Balanced Success



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Nobody stumbles into success

People get lucky, but real lasting success is built and sustained by habits, principles, practices and routines.



70% of all lottery winners end up broke and return to where they were before the lottery within a few years.

you could have breakthroughs special favours
financial windfalls
undeserved promotions

If you don't understand the principles for achieving success, you won't be able to maintain it even if they put you there.

E.g. Rehoboam. Becoming king means nothing if you've not learnt the principles of being king.

Psalm 73.

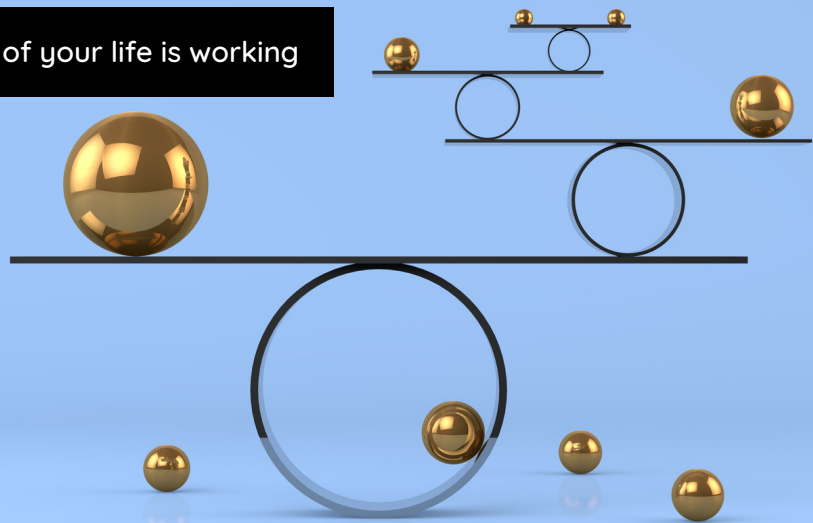
David asked God why evil people looked successful. God told him he had put them on slippery ground.

Even if God decides to elevate you by a miraculous wand, you will come back if you have not learned how to be a good success.

Real success is not what you do, it's who you become.

Real success is about balance

Making sure every area of your life is working



2 Peter 1:3

His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence.

Good success is when you have a combination of both - you have everything that pertains to life, and everything that pertains to godliness.

Psalm 72:21 - You shall increase my greatness, And comfort me on every side.

Real success is not what you do, it's who you become.

The area of your life you ignore is likely the area that will crash you. A chain is only as strong as it's weakest link.

Finance

You will be enriched in every way so that you can always be generous. And when we take your gifts to those who need them, they will thank God.

- 2 Cor 9:11



You don't have good success if you're deeply spiritual but can't pay your bills.

Being broke does not make you more spiritual.

They tell you it's better to be Lazarus and go to heaven than to be the rich man and go to hell. Why do you make it about Lazarus and the rich man. I'll rather not be any of them.

I'll prefer to be Abraham - rich on earth and still go to heaven.

I want to be so blessed here that when strangers stop by my house I can kill a cow for them.

I want to be so blessed that in my house, they cook enough food every day to feed an army of 318 men, and their wife's and families.

Yet I want to get to heaven and still be a landlord such that when the Lazaruses of this life get to heaven and are looking for a place to squat, my mansion will be so big that it can accommodate them.

Financial sufficiency is one measure of good success. And a good measure of your financial success is your generosity.

You're not financially successful if your riches do not in any way bring thanksgiving to God.

Family & Relationships

Better is a dry morsel with quiet than a house full of feasting with strife.
- Prov 17:1



You're not successful if you have all the money in the world and you have a miserable relationship, marriage or wayward children. The outside world may see one part of you and admire you, but deep inside, you have yourself.

If your family is what you sacrificed for financial or career success, you'll look back at the financial success and you'll feel regret for it.

It is better to be average - be able to pay your bills and have peace at home, than have all the money in the world without peace at home.



Health

Beloved, I pray that in every way you may prosper and enjoy good health, as your soul also prospers.

3 John 1:2

You're not successful if you make a lot of money but ruin your health in the process. How would you be spending all the money you made just to keep yourself alive.

When wealth is lost, nothing is lost; when health is lost, something is lost; when character is lost, all is lost.

God knew what He did when he created the sabbath and made it a commandment for his people.

Rest is part of work.

Influence

No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven"

Matthew 5:15-16



If your light shines only for you to see, then your light is useless.

Your success needs to translate into community or societal influence. There needs to be that balance:

Your success should influence people to the point that it makes them question your source and direct them to your source.

Salvation

For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul?

Mark 8:36

Remember the rich fool.

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Secrets of Success



There are lots of open secrets in the Bible.

I'll share a few.

The goal is, identify one that you want to start with. Practicing only one can move you significantly forward.

If you will become successful and will remain successful, there are a few habits, principles or disciplines that you will need to integrate into your life.

These are secrets both for achieving and remaining successful.

Self Development



Spiritual gifts won't replace developed skills. Gifts will open doors but it is skill and competence that will keep you in the room.

People think that all what stood Daniel, Shedrach, Meshach & Abednego our were spiritual gifts and God's grace.

Yes, grace stands you out, but it was only Daniel who had spiritual gifts o.

Daniel 1:17 - God gave them ability to understand all writings and subjects.

The ability to understand comes from God, but the reading of writings and subjects will not be done by God. These guys spent time studying.

Vs 18, when the King spoke to them, no one was as knowledgeable as them. The day you stop learning, you start losing your edge.

It was spiritual gifts that Got Joseph before Pharoah, and if all he did was interpret the dream and stop there, he would have gotten a presidential pardon and that would be the end. But Joseph has the knowledge and skill to advise the kings cabinet.

Buy the truth, and sell it not; also wisdom, and instruction, and understanding. - Prov 23:23

That skill was developed through learning.

Let me ask you: with your current level of knowledge and skill, do you have the ability and capacity to advise kings and governments? In a way that they would say "there's nowhere else we can find this kind of wisdom"

Skill gets obsolete with use. Pencils get dull when used. Once skilled is not forever skilled. The level of skill and knowledge that brought you here won't take you beyond here.

Even salt, when it loses its saltiness is thrown away and trampled on by men. This means it is possible to lose relevance.

Generosity

A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes
others will be refreshed.

Prov 11:25



Give and it will be given to you, full measure pressed down and shaken together.

These scriptures sound like offering collection scripture, and while it is good to give generously in church and to the Kingdom, I am talking of generosity that goes beyond the church.

Have you ever asked yourself how a man can become so wealthy, influential and successful on earth that both God and Satan would be discussing you in heaven? That's how Job was. And he lets us in on the secrets to his success in Job 29. Look at Job's generosity

V 12: Because I delivered the poor that cried, and the fatherless, and him that had none to help him. -

Whenever the vulnerable were in need, Job did not turn his back

V 13: The blessing of him that was ready to perish came upon me: and I caused the widow's heart to sing for joy.

V 17: I broke the fangs of the wicked, And plucked the victim from his teeth.

Talks about Social Justice



Diligence has become a cliché today. The book of proverbs is full with scriptures about how diligence is a requirement for increase.

Prov 13:4 - The soul of the sluggard craves and gets nothing, while the soul of the diligent is richly supplied. -

Prov 12:24 - The hand of the diligent will rule, while the slothful will be put to forced labor.

Prov 21:5 - The plans of the diligent lead surely to abundance, but everyone who is hasty comes to poverty.

Three words used to describe diligence are: steady, earnest and energetic effort.

Steady: this talks about consistent efforts. You don't start something today and because it doesn't blow overnight you abandon it and try something else.

Nothing blows overnight. Overnight success takes years.

When you see someone suddenly blows, go and check, they've probably been doing that thing in the backside of the desert for years.

David showed up, killed Goliath and becomes an 'overnight success'. If you know, you know. If you will be successful, you will learn to be steady, and put in steady efforts into what you do.

If today you're hot, then you become cold, then hot again... you'll stay long on that journey.

Every time you lose steam, you start afresh.

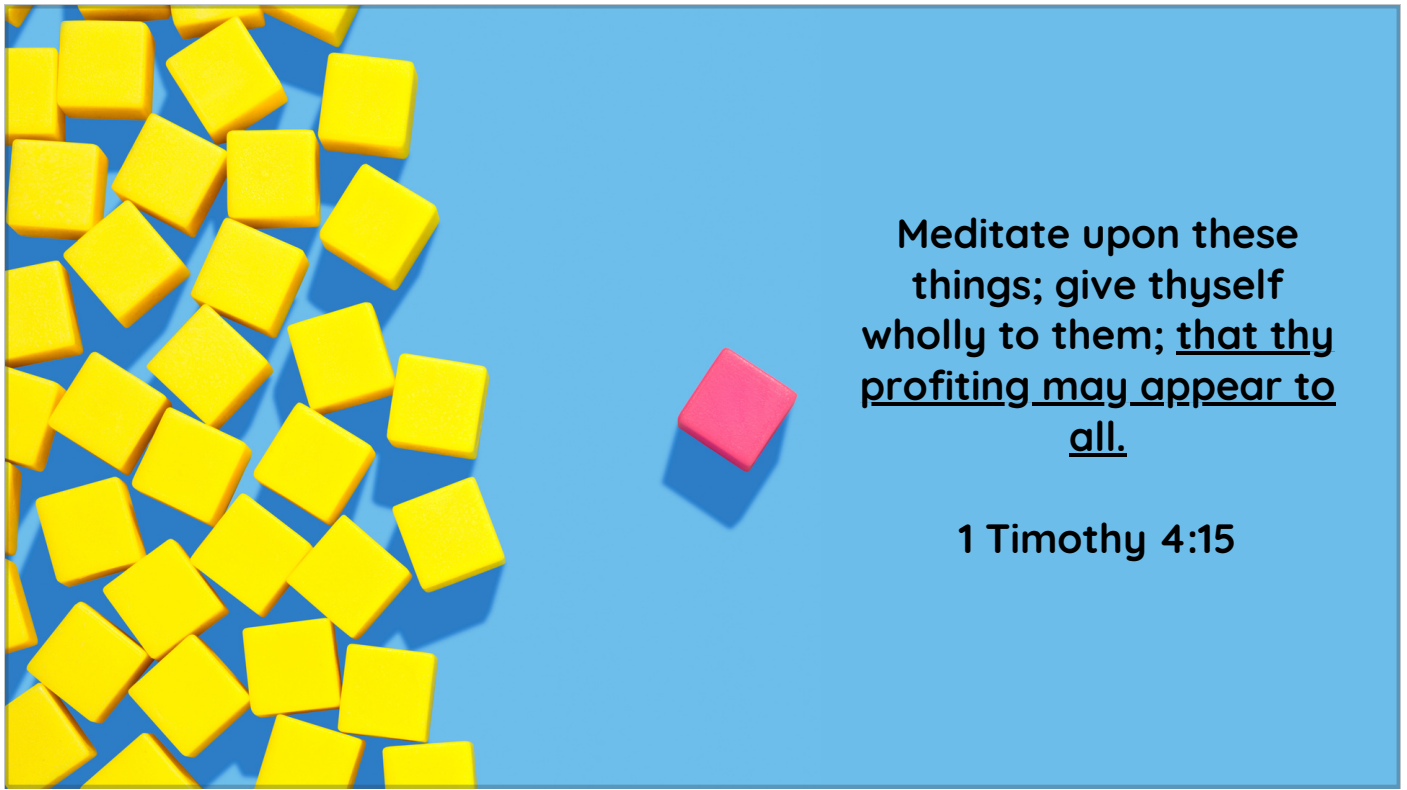
If you put your hands to the plough and look back, you're not worthy. Diligence requires showing up everyday

Earnest: you show sincere and intense conviction. Whatever you're doing, you are convinced that you should be doing it and you give it your all.

You're not bringing half of you to the table.

Energetic: bring life and energy to it.

Diligence requires grit. You don't stop when you are tired, you stop when you are done.



Extras:

1. Principle of Amplified steps
2. Principle of the Sabbath

That thy profiting may appear to all: that your success will be impossible to ignore. That you may stand out from the crowd, and that as your light shines, it brings glory to God.

THANK YOU

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