

5-DAY DEVOTIONAL

GOD'S PLAN FOR SUCCESS

Five days redefining success by God's standard — not riches or recognition, but relationship, obedience, and a heart set on His kingdom.

Joshua 1:8 — Then You Will Be Prosperous and Successful

DEVOTIONAL

FIVE DAYS IN THE WORD

Read one day at a time. Sit with the Scripture before you read the devotional, and let it settle before you move on to the next.

01

DAY

HAPPINESS DWELLS IN THE SOUL

PSALM 16:5-11

The Greek philosopher Demetrius said, "Happiness resides not in possessions and not in riches. Happiness dwells in the soul." This truth echoes throughout Scripture. True joy comes not from what we accumulate but from what resides within our hearts. The psalmist declares that in God's presence is fullness of joy. When we can bless someone in need, when we can be used by God to help another person, our souls rejoice. The world offers temporary satisfaction through possessions, but these things can be stolen, broken, or lost. Lasting happiness comes from knowing God and serving others in His name. Today, ask yourself: Where am I seeking

happiness? Shift your focus from external possessions to the internal presence of God dwelling within you.

02

DAY

KNOWING GOD, NOT JUST ABOUT GOD

HOSEA 4:1-6

"My people are being destroyed because they don't know me." This indictment from Hosea should pierce our hearts. It's possible to attend church our entire lives, hear countless sermons, and still not truly know God. There's a difference between knowing about God and knowing God intimately. God desires more than our book knowledge—"He wants a personal, loving, fulfilling relationship with us. When we refuse to know Him deeply, we forget His laws in moments of crisis. We tremble when entering difficult conversations, forgetting that God promises to be with us. We cave to worldly pressure instead of standing firm on His word. The consequence is severe: God says He will not recognize us as His priests if we don't recognize Him as our God. Today, commit to moving beyond surface-level faith into deeper intimacy with your Creator.

03

DAY

BEWARE OF COVETOUSNESS

LUKE 12:13-21

Jesus warns us: "Beware! Guard against every kind of greed. Life is not measured by how much you own." When someone approached Jesus about dividing an inheritance, Jesus saw past the request to the heart issue—"covetousness. This sin manifests in three areas: lust of the flesh (craving physical pleasures), lust of the eyes (desiring material possessions), and pride of life (seeking status and power). We live in a culture that equates success with accumulation—"more cars, bigger houses, designer clothes, influential friends. Yet Jesus reminds us that who we are is not made by what we have. The rich farmer in Jesus' parable had abundant crops but made the fatal mistake of living independently from God, planning only for earthly comfort. That very night, his soul was required of him. What good is wealth if we lose our souls? Guard your heart against covetousness today.

04

DAY

FAITHFUL OBEDIENCE AND DIVINE STRENGTH

JOSHUA 1:1-9

God's plan for success requires three essential qualities: strength, courage, and faithful obedience. We must be strongâ€”not gym strong or old-man strong, but strong in the power of God and His might. We need courage to enter the lion's den, the fiery furnace, the difficult conversation with our children, or our boss's office. We need boldness to share the gospel on the highways and hedges. Most importantly, we need faithful obedienceâ€”not occasional compliance, but consistent submission to God's will. God shouldn't have to ask us two or three times to pray for someone or take action. When we operate in His power rather than our own, we can accomplish what seems impossible. God promises, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." This assurance gives us strength to obey even when circumstances seem overwhelming. Today, identify one area where God is calling you to faithful obedience.

05

DAY

GODLY SUCCESS IS RELATIONSHIP, NOT RICHES

MATTHEW 6:19-21, 33

Godly success is not found in our jobs, marriages, or even church serviceâ€”it's found in our relationship with God. When we're rightly connected to Him, everything else aligns properly. The problem with many believers is that they have relationships with people and stuff, using God merely as a means to get more. This reveals hearts living for earth with no consideration for eternity. We cannot take earthly possessions into eternity. Everything we have is God's; we are simply managers of His resourcesâ€”our relationships, finances, health, and spirituality. We should wear the things of this world as a loose garment, willing to release them at any moment. Jesus teaches us to seek first the kingdom of God, and all other things will be added. True success means honoring, glorifying, and praising God with everything we do. When we have success in God's kingdom, we have success in this world. Today, evaluate: Am I building earthly barns or heavenly mansions?

"Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you."

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