



Way of the Eagle

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GUARANTEED SUCCESS MANUAL

This Book of the Law shall not depart out of your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, that you may observe and do according to all that is written in it. For then you shall make your way prosperous, and then you shall deal wisely and have good success.” Joshua 1:8

How do you define success?

People want to know how to be successful, whether it's winning friends, making money, getting a promotion, losing weight – it's all about being successful. Yet, God's Word is the original success manual and every truly helpful manual has 'secrets' that are based in God's Word.

God's telling us that the more time we spend meditating on His Word, the more we'll see the benefits in our everyday lives and even have a closer relationship with Him. He even promises we'll be prosperous and successful!

Joshua is about to embark on a new stage in his life. The challenges he faced were overwhelming and much beyond his ability. God gives him a recipe of success which we can learn from:

1. Determine to Base your Life on the Word

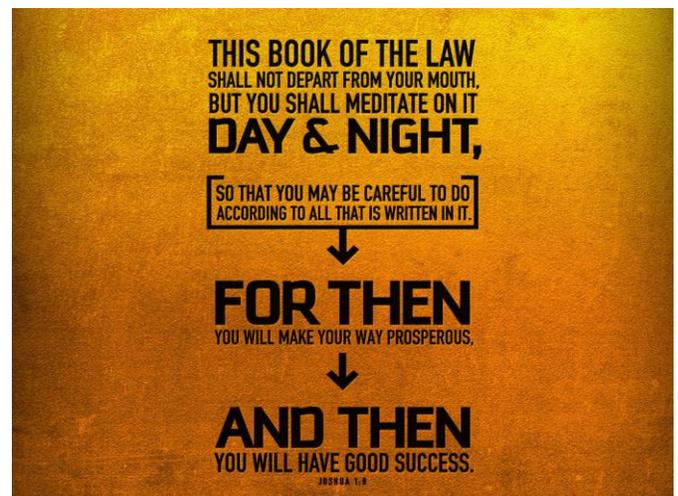
- i) God's Commands are for our good and when we obey Him we are successful and protected.
- ii) It won't just happen you must decide to be positive. It takes a strong decision and effort to do this. Start practicing being positive in all kinds of situations. If you're going through a difficult time in life, start believing that God will work things out for your good.
- iii) Joshua is taking on a new role; he is leading a great people; they are about to enter the Promised Land; they must face many enemies; they need success.

2. Dig Deep into the Word

- i) Meditate on it day and night: First it must be in your mouth. By verbal repetition in the mouth, it gets in your ears and it gets into the heart. **Psalm 1:1-2 & Psalm 119:11.**
- ii) The Word is a gold mine: The more you meditate the more goodness you get out of it. Pebbles are found on the surface but for diamonds you have to dig deep. It's powerful.

3. Do what the Word says

- i) The purpose is application: Not Bible knowledge, but also experiencing God's power in miracles.
- ii) Jesus' parable about the wise and foolish men (**Mat 7:24**) teaches the difference was in the practice. Both heard Jesus' Word but one practiced and the other did not.
- iii) Mere listening without doing is deception (**James 1:22-25**). It's like looking at yourself in the mirror and forgetting your image. Since the Word is alive, it will speak to us and we must then obey it.



4. Derive Success from the Word

- i) Prosperity and Success: These are by-products of a life based on the Word. If the process is right the quality is assured.
- ii) God wants us to be blessed, prosperous and successful (3 John 2, Psalm 35:27)

Most people think that a great career will make them successful. Perhaps, but it's temporary. Success in your walk with God or in your life starts with your thinking and renewing your mind with the Word of God just like Paul said in **Romans 12:2** to “...not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.”

Your starting point to fulfillment and happiness in the will of God is a renewed mind!

Do you want to know the good, acceptable, and perfect will of God in your life? Renew your mind to that of the mind of Christ!

Do you still have the worldly mindset when it comes to your finances? Then you're going to be unfulfilled in that area? Do you still have a world-like mind when it comes to your health? Same there!

When you begin to realize that our thoughts control our life, then we can begin to shape our God-given destiny. Our mind is the devil's battleground and we need to take thoughts captive and make them obedient to Christ.

Paul commanded us in **Philippians 4:8** to think on things that are “true... noble... just... pure... lovely... of a good report.” Meditating on the Word of God will bring prosperity and good success! When we focus and meditate on His Word, we position ourselves to receive clear instructions from Him concerning His will for our lives!

There was a survey done by George Barna's research group where the following terms were used by those being surveyed who confessed to being born-again Christians, in describing themselves:

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| (a) Stressed Out: 31% | (f) Self-Sufficient: 90% |
| (b) Too Busy: 49% | (g) Searching for purpose: 48% |
| (c) Needing New Friends: 50% | (h) Skeptical: 55% |
| (d) In Debt: 40% | (i) Likes to 'be in control': 62% |
| (e) Dealing with Addiction: 11% | |

The Barna Group said, “The fact is that most people, according to our survey, have no idea what their purpose is in life”.

This survey tells us that what born-again Christians are learning and doing in their lives is broke!

If you fit into any of these 9 groups, you need to follow God's Success Manual to get free!

While we want to live the good life, be prosperous, be happy and enjoy our lives, many of us don't know how to! That's because our society has taught us how to become 'self-sufficient' and 'self-reliant.' Sad to say, but in most, if not all areas of life, people have left God out of the equation!

Let's determine that we will be people of the Word. That we will dig deep into it, do what it says and derive the success and prosperity it has to offer!