

30 THE SECRET TO SUCCESS

Every human being wants to be successful.

Young people want to succeed in their studies; a mother in the education of her children; a man or a woman in his or her professional life; a politician in his ambition for power; an athlete in his attempt to win; a sick person in his attempt to recover health. A Christian also wants to succeed in identifying with Christ and inheriting eternal life. How can we achieve this? What key points does the Bible give to help us succeed in our temporal and spiritual life? God desires our prosperity and well-being (3 John 2), and He wishes to give us strength to have great success.



TWELVE SECRETS TO SUCCESS

1. **Give your heart to Jesus and accept His salvation and justification (Romans 5:1). What words does He address to you? Proverbs 23:26.**

2. **Put God in first place. What were Jesus' words regarding this? Matthew 6:33.**

3. **We should accept our human weakness and unite our heart with Christ's, trusting in His grace every day. What is this connection compared to? John 15:4, 5.** _____

4. **Carefully search God's word daily (Acts 17:11). What should be our purpose? Deuteronomy 17:19.** _____

5. **Always pray. How many times a day did Daniel pray? Daniel 6:10.** _____

6. **Have faith. What can we not do without faith? Hebrews 11:6.** _____

7. **Attend church meetings (Hebrews 10:25). What was Jesus' custom? Luke 4:16.**

8. **Forgive and love. What example should constantly inspire us? Colossians 3:13, 14.**

9. **Follow Jesus' example in the obedience to His commandments. Who is salvation promised to? Hebrews 5:8, 9.** _____

10. **Be a light to others. What does the Lord want us to be? Acts 13:47.**

Through our work and means, we should cooperate in the salvation of others.

11. **Be steadfast. What promise can we cling to? Hebrews 10:23.**

In time of trial, let us always remember that God never allows us to be tempted more than we can bear (1 Corinthians 10:13).

12. **Trust and allow God to work in us. What promise does the Lord give to those who surrender themselves wholly before Jesus? Philippians 2:12, 13.**

For it is God _____

If we have surrendered to Jesus by placing ourselves on the side of the upright, God will place in our hearts the desire to obey Him and will give us the necessary strength to do so. He influences our will power with His Holy Spirit. He has called us and wishes to make us happy.

IS SUCCESS THE RESULT OF FATE?

13. What opportunity does God give every human being? Deuteronomy 30:14-16, 19.

God wants us to be saved, but He will not force us. He gave us a free will, and He places before us two ways: life or death, curse or blessing. We receive life and blessing if we obey His commandments. How tenderly He calls us! Choose life so you and your descendants can live. He did everything to save us and give us victory. Now it all depends on us to make the right choice.

14. What advice does Jesus give us? John 12:35, 36.

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- Our success or failures in life—salvation or destruction—lie in our own hands. The message of Elijah comes to us, “How long halt ye between two opinions? If the Lord be God, follow Him: but if Baal then follow him (1 Kings 18:21).”
 - You have received Jesus’ invitation. In this course, you have seen the noblest truths that have ever been given to men. What will your response be?
 - Jesus showed His great love during His ministry on earth; He suffered in Gethsemane and on Calvary. May His sacrifice not be in vain!
 - He suffered indescribable pain, whipping, mockery of an angry mob, the bitter scorn of those He had helped, and cruel treason of him who had walked with Him. He bore the heavy burden of the cross, the bleeding wounds of the thorns on his head, and the unbearable pain of those nails piercing his flesh while the cross was lifted. Most of all, He bore the sins of this unfaithful world in that lacerated and despised body, tried to the utmost.
 - Nevertheless, he forgave his executioners and those who crucified Him with their sins and transgressions. Will we allow this sacrifice to be in vain?
 - He did everything to save us, and today He wants an answer from us. Let it be a positive one! He offers us heaven and eternal life and only asks for our heart. Will we give it to Him?

SEVEN WONDERFUL PROMISES OF GOD

To him that overcometh...

1. “Will I give to eat of the tree of life (Revelation 2:7).”
2. “He shall not be hurt of the second death (Revelation 2:11).”
3. “I will give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone and in the stone, a new name written (Revelation 2:17).”
4. “To him will I give power over the nations (Revelation 2:26).”
5. “He shall be clothed in white garments and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life (Revelation 3:5).”
6. “I will make him a pillar in the temple of my God and he shall go no more out (Revelation 3:12).”
7. “I will grant him to sit with me in my throne (Revelation 3:21).”

My decision: *I wish to be numbered among the overcomers and to live a victorious life with Jesus.*

Yes No
