
God Promises SUCCESS

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God's Commitment To Your Success

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Leap

of FAITH

Hebrews 11:1



Four Reasons We Can Know God Desires Success for Us

- God gives us abundant evidence in His Word that He desires for us to be successful. We see that evidence in at least four areas:



1.

Each Of Us Has A Built-in Desire For Success.

- Every baby comes into this world goal-oriented. He has a built-in desire to get his needs met and to take control of his world. He has a desire to learn to communicate and to become mobile—to scoot, to crawl, to walk.
- God has built a desire for success into us so we will act.

- This drive in us can motivate us toward the pursuit of the things of God or the things of our own flesh.

1 John 2:16 (NKJV)

For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world.

- It is up to us how we will choose to act on the built-in desire God gives us toward success, satisfaction, and fulfillment.



2.

God has equipped you for success.

- God has given you one or more natural talents and abilities, as well as one or more spiritual gifts. These gifts have been grafted into your unique personality for one reason—so that you might use these gifts to the best of your ability and produce quality work that has a potential for both earthly and eternal reward. It is up to each of us to discover our gifts and then to develop them to the best of our ability. That takes practice and discipline—both of which God provides to us when we ask.

What the Word Says

2 Corinthians 9:10 (NKJV)

Now may He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have sown and increase the fruits of your righteousness,

- They glorify God for the obedience of your confession to the gospel of Christ, and for your liberal sharing with them and all men... the exceeding grace of God in you.

Thanks Be To God For His Indescribable Gift!

2 Corinthians 9:13–15 (NKJV)

13 while, through the proof of this ministry, they glorify God for the obedience of your confession to the gospel of Christ, and for your liberal sharing with them and all men,

14 and by their prayer for you, who long for you because of the exceeding grace of God in you.

15 Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!

James 1:17 (NKJV)

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.

3.

The Lord Has Given Us His Holy Spirit To Help Us Succeed. The Holy Spirit Has Been Given To Every Believer To

- perfect our gifts.
- give strength to us in our areas of weakness, and
- to give us daily guidance or “counsel” into the ways in which we should go, including the decisions we should make, the choices we should make, and the opportunities we should pursue.

- The Holy Spirit works within us to renew our strength, sharpen our senses, and help us get the most amount of work done in the most efficient manner.
- It is the Holy Spirit who causes the use of our gifts to be effective in helping or blessing others.
- The Holy Spirit also directs us toward those who need what we have been equipped to give.

- When we yield ourselves and our gifts to the Holy Spirit, it is the Holy Spirit who comforts us and reassures us that all things are working together for our good from God's perspective.

Romans 8:28 (NKJV)

And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.

- The Holy Spirit is God's gift to us to enable our success.



What the Word Says...

Read Daniel 3 and focus particularly on *(Dan. 3:17)*:

Daniel 3:17 (NKJV)

If that is the case, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and He will deliver us from your hand, O king.



- Our God whom we serve is able. *[Jesus said,]*

John 16:13 (NKJV)

However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.

- Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses.

Romans 8:26 (NKJV)

Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

- He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.

1 John 4:4 (NKJV)

You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.

- Never dismiss or diminish the value of what the Lord has given you for your success.
- We must refuse to discount the gifts we have been given, which is what we do when we say things such as
 - “My race is against me.”
 - “I don’t have enough formal education.”
 - “I was born at the wrong time on the wrong side of the tracks.”
 - “I’m too old.”
 - “I’ve got circumstances that will forever keep me from being successful.”

- God has uniquely gifted you to be a success in a unique calling He has for your life. No excuse is justified in His presence. In whatever area you may feel weak or inadequate, His presence and power are more than sufficient!
 - Have you been using excuses for your lack of success? Are you willing to admit that the Holy Spirit in you is greater than any weakness or inhibiting factor you may have in your life?

4.

God Has Given You The Power Of Prayer So You Might Use It To Further Your Success.

- Every one of us has the privilege of bowing before God every morning of our lives and saying, “Lord, I need Your help. I need Your guidance. I need Your strength and wisdom.”
- The Lord delights in our prayers that request His help. He delights in our prayers that are expressions of our faith in Him to help us succeed at what He calls us to be and to do.
- Prayer is a powerful tool that God intends for you to use in becoming all that He desires for you to be.

What the Word Says

James 5:16–18 (NKJV)

16 Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.

17 Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain; and it did not rain on the land for three years and six months.

18 And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth produced its fruit.



- You do not have because you do not ask.

James 4:2 (NKJV)

You lust and do not have. You murder and covet and cannot obtain. You fight and war. Yet you do not have because you do not ask.

What the Word Says

Whatever things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive.

Matthew 21:22 (NKJV)

And whatever things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive.”

- *[Jesus said,]* “Whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you ... Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.”

John 16:23–24 (NKJV)

23 “And in that day you will ask Me nothing. Most assuredly, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you.

24 Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.

- What wonderful gifts God has given to us! To each person, He has given a desire to succeed—in other words, He has given us the motivation we need to pursue success. He has given us talents and abilities—when we develop them and use them for His purposes, we can be assured of success. He has given us the Holy Spirit to strengthen us in our areas of weakness and to give us daily counsel into the right choices and decisions we should make in order to become successful. And He has given us the privilege of prayer so that we might activate our faith and use it to bring about the character and courage He desires for us to have.



- God not only wants us to know how to be successful in theory. He has given us all we need to be successful in reality.

What New Insights Do You Have Into God's Desire For You To Be Successful?
