

Mid-week Stewardship Thought

Becoming Successful God's Way

We may be willing to put an inordinate amount of time into being successful because we value success too highly. Many have climbed the ladder of success only to find, when they get to the top, that all they have is money and sorrow. Looking down the ladder they see destroyed marriages, broken homes, and no happiness.

Webster's New World Dictionary defines success as: "A favorable result; the gaining of wealth, fame, etc.; a successful person." Scripture does not give a precise definition, but we know that it is God who grants success. "*As long as he sought the Lord, God gave him success*" (2 Chronicles 26:5). We can climb the ladder of success, but we are to climb it God's way. As God's people our success in life begins when we acknowledge that God created us for His glory, understand that He loves us beyond our comprehension, accept His love, abide with Him in reverence and obedience, and faithfully serve Him and others.

Prayer: Dear heavenly Father, help me to use all my gifts and blessings to Your honor. Amen.

