

Qualities of a Successful Person

Psalm 1:1-3

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1. Here is a great and profound truth: everyone wants to succeed, no one wants to fail.
 2. There is nothing wrong or sinful with desiring success.
 3. Real success, by God's standards is knowing and doing His will.
 4. The real measure of success in Scripture is different from what we see in the world. In Psalm 1, we will examine three qualities of the truly successful person.
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- I. A Successful Person Does Not Follow the Crowd. Psalm 1:1, "Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers."
 - A. This person does not listen to what the crowd says (1:1a). "Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked."
 - B. He does not go where the crowd goes (1:1b). "or stand in the way of sinners."
 1. "Do not enter the path of the wicked, And do not walk in the way of evil. Avoid it, do not travel on it; Turn away from it and pass on. For they do not sleep unless they have done evil; And their sleep is taken away unless they make someone fall." Proverbs 4:14-16
 - C. He does not do what the crowd does (1:1c). "or sit in the seat of mockers."
 1. "Do not be misled: Bad company corrupts good character." 1 Corinthians 15:33
 - II. A Successful Person Has a One-Track Mind. Psalm 1:2, "But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night."
 - A. He delights in God's Word (1:2a). "But his delight is in the law of the LORD."
 - B. He meditates on God's Word (1:2b). "on his law he meditates day and night."
 1. "Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable-if anything is excellent or praiseworthy-think about such things." Philippians 4:8
 - III. A Successful Person Has a Weather-Resistant Faith. Psalm 1:3-6, "He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers."
 - A. Rough weather comes to everyone eventually.
 - B. Strong roots make for successful lives.
 1. "But blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, whose confidence is in him. He will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit." Jeremiah 17:7-8
 2. "For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish." 1:6