

SUCCESS STRATEGIES FOR THE NEW YEAR

Deuteronomy 30:19

- Thank God for bringing us to the closing of one window of time and the beginning of a new one. **It's almost time to say "farewell" to all that was behind us and look with faith and hope to what God has for us in 2017.**
- Even though to some degree our futures are uncertain, **we can be certain of God's desire for us in our future.** It's always God's desire **that we go to new heights of success with each passing season of life.** *Jeremiah 29:11*
- From what I've been hearing in my spirit, I don't believe that your success this year will be a matter of chance. **I believe the success that God wants you to experience this year will come through a series of wise choices and their inevitable outcome.** *Joshua 1:8*
- However, no matter what God wants for you **the final outcome in large part will be left up to you because of your ability to choose.** **It will be and has always been up to you to either experience success or failure in the things of God.**
- **You can strategically position yourself for success this year** by employing wisdom and putting together a string of successful choices in your life. **This year can be a year like no other and that's exactly what God wants it to be.**

So this evening, I want to share with you a few things that God wants you to know that will ensure you have a better 2017 than you had in 2016.

II. STEPS TO STRATEGIC SUCCESS

STRATEGY - *a careful plan or method*; the art of devising or employing plans or stratagems toward a goal. **There is a methodical process to making successful choices in life.** **You have to choose to be SUCCESSFUL**

1. **Give God a place of preeminence in your life.** Quit saying you love God and act like you love God. *John 14:15...* **Give Him first opportunity when it comes to making life choices.** *Prov. 3:5* Give Him honor in every area of your life. *1 Samuel 2:30b.*
2. **Close the door on last year's disappointments.** Forget about your "mess-ups" and let downs. **No matter how much you think about them, you can't undo them.** *Phil 3:13-14...* Don't get tangled up in what tied you up before. *Galatians 5:1*
3. **Don't get "stuck on stupid".** The definition of madness is **doing the same thing over again and expecting different results.** If you want to get different results, then try another method. *Prov 26:11; 2 Peter 2:20-22*
4. **Choose your relationships wisely.** Be careful who you bring into your life. **Wrong relationships can cause disappointments and costly delays to your destiny.** *2 Cor 6:14; 1 Cor 15:33* A person is known by the company that he keeps.

5. **Make a commitment to excellence.** Your commitment to excellence will open the door to your promotion. *Daniel 6:1-3* On your job, work as unto the Lord knowing that your promotion comes from Him *Eph 6:5-8*

The attention and commitment to detail that gives birth to superior performance which leads to maximized potential, promotion in life and praise from God!

6. **Develop a mental paradigm of success.** See yourself on another level of success through meditation and confession. Don't be afraid to take a chance on your success *Prov 23:7; 1 Samuel 17:33-37*
7. **For every milestone, give God glory.** Each time you reach a goal or achieve a victory, take the time to honor God with a sacrifice. *Deut 8:10-18* When God heals your marriage, delivers you from evil, promotes you in your endeavors / business plans