

# LEARNING TO DO WELL

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The Word says in:

Isaiah 1:17

Learn to do well; seek judgment relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow.

Every one admires people who do well. The first fact we must understand is that doing well is not an accident, it's a purposeful process. THIS IS WHY HE SAYS LEARN!

Learn in Hebrew/LAMAD = to study, to be accustomed to, to practice or to be trained.

Doing well must become your purpose in all things: in ministry, business, family, career, finances, etc.

## **#1 BEFORE YOU CAN LEARN TO DO WELL, YOU MUST BELIEVE YOU CAN DO WELL**

The Word says in:

Mark 9:23

Jesus said unto him, if thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.

A man's outward production is inseparably tied to his inner perception. Notice JESUS'S MINISTRY: He told a lame man to stretch out his lame arm; and a blind man to go and find a pool. Why!! He had to change their inner perception. You must begin to know that you were designed by God to do well.

The Word says in:

Genesis 1:28

And God blessed them, and God saith unto them, be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

The Word also says in:

Proverbs 23:7

For as a man thinketh in his heart, so is he: eat and drink, saith he to thee; but his heart is not with thee.

Once you've convinced yourself that you were designed by God to succeed, you then must deal with the fact that what you've been doing for so long may be so wrong. IT'S TIME TO CHANGE!!!

## **#2 THE PROCESS OF LEARNING TO DO WELL INVOLVES UNDERSTANDING THE NECESSITY OF CHANGE.**

One of the greatest enemies to not doing well is traditional behavior.

FACT:

IF I ALWAYS DO WHAT I'VE ALWAYS DONE, I'LL ALWAYS GET WHAT I'VE ALWAYS GOTTEN.

The Word says in:

Galatians 6:7

Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.

In common terms:

1. Reap = what you get back
2. Sow = what you put in

Paraphrased: You will get back what you put in!

FACT:

YOU'LL NEVER GET A DIFFERENT HARVEST SOWING THE SAME SEED.

What brought success yesterday can bring failure today. There must be different approaches at different levels.

EXAMPLE: In school we learned numbers: First grade Addition; Third grade Subtraction; Fifth grade Division and Multiplication.

A different approach at different levels. DON'T USE AN OUT-DATED APPROACH!!!

Bill Clinton in his presidential debate with Bob Dole said, "I don't think Bob Dole is too old to be President, but I do think his ideas are too old for today."

The Word says in:

Ecclesiastes 3:1

To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:

In learning to do well, you must never become satisfied with success attained; but, always know that God has more for you. (You've not arrived!)

The Word says in:

II Corinthians 3:18

But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the spirit of the lord.

Glory to glory indicates that God has multiple levels of growth for you, not only spiritually, but even naturally.

The Word says in:

Isaiah 43:19

Behold i will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? i will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert.

One of successes greatest threats is SUCCESS ITSELF. Don't idolize your current success, but use it to place you at the next level.

**#3 IN LEARNING TO DO WELL, YOU MUST MAINTAIN POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS THAT FEED YOUR PURPOSE.**

There is recorded a principle for living, spiritually and naturally found in II Corinthians 6:14:

The Word says in:

II Corinthians 6:14

Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness.

ILLUSTRATION: Donkey and stallion yoked together didn't work, because they were too different and couldn't assist one another.

What does an unequal yoke do to you?

1. It sets you off balance
  2. It impairs your potential
  3. It breaks your spirit to go on
  4. It makes you satisfied with another man's level

## **#4 IN LEARNING TO DO WELL ALWAYS VIEW FAILURE AS A FRIEND**

A man's failures are always to be seen as a dress rehearsal for success. In doing it wrong, you should learn what not to do again.

**ALWAYS FAIL FORWARD!**

The Word says in:

Philippians 3:13

Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before.

