

IN SEARCH OF MY DESTINY

Face It Dude, You're Skewed!: Part 4

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*Why was I born? Was it only to have trouble and sorrow, to end my life in disgrace?
(Jeremiah 20:18, GNB)*

*My work all seems so useless! I have spent my strength for nothing and to no purpose at all.
(Isaiah 49:4, NLT)*

SKEWED VIEWS OF THE PATH TO SUCCESS

1. Everyone should go to college.
2. I am what I do.
3. Success is tangible.

THE CONSEQUENCES

1. DEBT
2. DISILLUSION.
3. DELAY.

WHAT YOU NEED TO SUCCEED

SSTART where I am.

"Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might..." (Ecclesiastes 9:10, NIV)

"Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much...if you have not been trustworthy with someone else's property, who will give you property of your own?" (Luke 16:10-12, NIV)

KEY: God's more interested in my POSTURE than my position.

Understand who I'm REALLY WORKING FOR.

"Never be lazy, but work hard and serve the Lord enthusiastically." (Romans 12:11, NLT)

“Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people. Remember that the Lord will give you an inheritance as your reward, and that the Master you are serving is Christ.” (Colossians 3:23–24, NLT)

“You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden...let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.” (Matthew 5:14–16, NLT)

KEY: My PERFORMANCE validates my profession.

Concentrate on CHARACTER.

“We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance. And endurance develops strength of character, and character strengthens our confident hope of salvation.” (Romans 5:3–4, NLT)

“Until the time came to fulfill his dreams, the LORD tested Joseph’s character.” (Psalm 105:19, NLT)

KEY: It’s not as important what I’m doing as WHO I’M BECOMING.

CARE about your co-workers.

“Do everything in love.” (1 Corinthians 16:14, NIV)

“I don’t have anyone else like Timothy. He takes a genuine interest in your welfare. Everyone else looks after his own interests...” (Philippians 2:20–21, GW)

KEY: God puts you where He wants you to CARE.

Exceed EXPECTATIONS.

“If anyone forces you to go one mile, go with them two miles.” (Matthew 5:41, NIV)

“Servants, ...don’t just do the minimum that will get you by. Do your best.” (Colossians 3:22, The Message)

KEY: The key to succeed is to EXCEED!

Expand my SKILLS.

“If the ax is dull and its edge unsharpened, more strength is needed, but skill will bring success.” (Ecclesiastes 10:10, NIV)

“Do yourself a favour and learn all you can; then remember what you learn and you will prosper.” (Proverbs 19:8, GNB)

KEY: I’ll never go where I didn’t GROW.

DEDICATE my workplace.

“Commit your work to the Lord, then it will succeed.” (Proverbs 16:3, The Living Bible)

“Take delight in the Almighty and look up to God...You will succeed in whatever you choose to do, and light will shine on the road ahead of you.” (Job 22:26–28, NLT)

LAST THOUGHT

The key to success is to do what He’ll BLESS.