

“True Success”

For what does it profit a person to gain the whole world, and forfeit his soul?

Mark 8:36

Review:

- Live life _____ by using the _____ line as your _____ line.
- Make _____ Jesus and _____ Jesus your life’s goal.
- You get _____ by being _____ Jesus and you get _____ by living _____ Jesus.

Truth #1

The world (cosmos) measures success by what is _____.

God measures success by what is _____.
(Mk. 8:36; 1 Jn. 5:19; 2:15-17; James 4:3; Prov. 16:2)

And it is the _____ not the _____ that is _____.

Truth #2

The world (cosmos) measures success based on _____.

God measures success based on _____.
(Heb. 11:24-26, 32-40; 1 Cor. 4:1,2; Mt. 25:21)

Discussion Questions

1. Describe someone whom you consider successful. Why do you view that person as successful?
2. Review your notes at this time. How is God’s view of success different from the world’s view of success?
3. Why is it so much easier to pursue the world’s type of success than to pursue God’s type of success?
4. Read the following Scriptures about people the world considered unsuccessful, but God viewed as successful. What lessons can be learned from these examples?
Read: 1 Samuel 16:6-13; Jer. 1:5-8,19; 25:23; 26:2,8; Luke 23:34-37; and if you have time, read ALL of Hebrews 11.
5. Having faith in God, and acting faithfully toward God, are both important, but are not the same thing. How are they different, and how are they related?
6. How will you live differently as a result of applying this message?