

# **Biblical Success:**

## Session 7

I. Be \_\_\_\_\_

II. Have \_\_\_\_\_ Friends

III. Be willing to pay the \_\_\_\_\_

### 5 Marks of Godly Friends (John Piper):

1. They heighten our joy in \_\_\_\_\_

2. They \_\_\_\_\_ sin in us that keeps us from God

3. They encourage us to \_\_\_\_\_ God.

4. They bring us to God in our \_\_\_\_\_

5. They love us for the \_\_\_\_\_ of God:

### 1 Kings 11:1–4

[1] Now King Solomon loved many foreign women, along with the daughter of Pharaoh: Moabite, Ammonite, Edomite, Sidonian, and Hittite women, [2] from the nations concerning which the LORD had said to the people of Israel, “You shall not enter into marriage with them, neither shall they with you, for surely they will turn away your heart after their gods.” Solomon clung to these in love. [3] He had 700 wives, who were princesses, and 300 concubines. And his wives turned away his heart. [4] For when Solomon was old his wives turned away his heart after other gods, and his heart was not wholly true to the LORD his God, as was the heart of David his father.

### 2 Kings 12:1–3

[1] In the seventh year of Jehu, Jehoash began to reign, and he reigned forty years in Jerusalem. His mother’s name was Zibiah of Beersheba. [2] And Jehoash did what was right in the eyes of the LORD all his days, because Jehoiada the priest instructed him. [3] Nevertheless, the high places were not taken away; the people continued to sacrifice and make offerings on the high places.

### 2 Chronicles 24:17–18

[17] Now after the death of Jehoiada the princes of Judah came and paid homage to the king. Then the king listened to them. [18] And they abandoned the house of the LORD, the God of their fathers, and served the Asherim and the idols. And wrath came upon Judah and Jerusalem for this guilt of theirs.

### 3 John 11

[11] Beloved, do not imitate evil but imitate good. Whoever does good is from God; whoever does evil has not seen God.

### 1 Corinthians 10:12

[12] Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall.

### Jude 21–25

[21] keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life. [22] And have mercy on those who doubt; [23] save others by snatching them out of the fire; to others show mercy with fear, hating even the garment stained by the flesh.

[24] Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, [25] to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

### Psalms 106:35–37

- [35] but they mixed with the nations  
and learned to do as they did.
- [36] They served their idols,  
which became a snare to them.
- [37] They sacrificed their sons  
and their daughters to the demons;

Galatians 6:1

[1] Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted.

Psalms 119:63

[63] I am a companion of all who fear you,  
of those who keep your precepts.

Proverbs 27:17

[17] Iron sharpens iron,  
and one man sharpens another.

Psalms 101:6

[6] I will look with favor on the faithful in the land,  
that they may dwell with me;  
he who walks in the way that is blameless  
shall minister to me.

Proverbs 13:20

[20] Whoever walks with the wise becomes wise,  
but the companion of fools will suffer harm.

1 Corinthians 15:33–34

[33] Do not be deceived: "Bad company ruins good morals." [34] Wake up from your drunken stupor, as is right, and do not go on sinning. For some have no knowledge of God. I say this to your shame.

Psalms 119:115

[115] Depart from me, you evildoers,  
that I may keep the commandments of my God.

1 Peter 4:3–4

[3] For the time that is past suffices for doing what the Gentiles want to do, living in sensuality, passions, drunkenness, orgies, drinking parties, and lawless idolatry. [4] With respect to this they are surprised when you do not join them in the same flood of debauchery, and they malign you;

Psalms 119:51

[51] The insolent utterly deride me,  
but I do not turn away from your law.

Hebrews 10:24

[24] And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works,

Luke 5:19–20

[19] but finding no way to bring him in, because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and let him down with his bed through the tiles into the midst before Jesus. [20] And when he saw their faith, he said, “Man, your sins are forgiven you.”