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It's important that God's Word continues after the message. At Celebrate, we find that you will quite often talk over this week's message long after our experience is over. That's because God has impact. The Sermon Discussion Guide is designed to help you continue the conversation all week.

Living a life of success is something everyone is looking for, but *Matthew 7:13-14* says: "Don't look for shortcuts to God. The market is flooded with surefire, easygoing formulas for a successful life that can be practiced in your spare time. Don't fall for that stuff even though crowds of people do. The way to life-to God-is vigorous and requires total attention."

Keys to Living a Life of Success:

Master the Moods-Don't let your emotions control and rule the way you live your life. How can we better master our emotions so that our actions do not become reactions in which we may end up seeking forgiveness? Recall a situation in your past where this may have happened.

Proverbs 25:28; 2 Timothy 4:5; Galatians 5:16-18

Muzzle the Mouth-Speak Life-Speak well into someone's life-be an encourager, not a discourager, through your words. Share a time when you were able to do this with a person in your life. How do you think it made that person feel? What effect does that have on your life when it happens to you?

Proverbs 13:3; James 1:26; Psalm 39:1

Merit the Moments-We have a 70 year life span on average. We need to use that time well, and embrace those moments that we have with others. How can we become wise in not taking for granted the time we have? Share ideas in ways to go from average to abundant in living in our moments.

Ephesians 5:15-16; 2 Corinthians 4:17; Matthew 6:34; James 4:14

The M&M's give us ways to discipline ourselves so we can be successful in our walk with God in the Spirit.

What's Next

- Look at how your emotions control your life-in good and bad ways.
- Work out what God is working in you.
- Spend your God-given time wisely.