

Accelerated Success: For Who?

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Prov. 28:2 (GN) "... A nation will be strong and endure when it has intelligent, sensible leaders."

Prov. 28:2 (LB) "... with honest, sensible leaders there is stability."

1. PRINCIPLES OF SUCCESS

1.1. Nothing happens until someone does something.

1.2. Success is influence.

1 Timothy 4:12 "Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity."

John 10:27 "My sheep listen to my voice and I know them and they follow me."

I Corinthians 11:1 "Paul said, "Follow my example as I follow the example of Christ."

1.3. The foundation of success is character, not charisma.

1.4. Never stop learning – The moment you stop learning, you stop influencing.

2. WHY DID GOD CHOOSE TO USE NEHEMIAH?

Nehemiah 1:1-4 "The word of Nehemiah, son of Hacaliah in the month of Chislev, in the twentieth year. While I was in the citadel of Susa, Hanani, one of my brothers, came from Judah and some other men, and I questioned them about the Jewish remnant that survived the exile and also about Jerusalem. They said to me, 'Those that survived the exile are back in the province and they are in great trouble and disgrace. The wall of Jerusalem is broken down and the gates have been burned with fire. When I heard these things I sat down and wept. For some days I mourned, fasted and prayed before the Lord God."

2.1. Nehemiah was sensitive to the needs around him.

2.2. Nehemiah was dependable.

2.3. Nehemiah was available.

Sermon Discussion Guide

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OPEN YOUR GROUP WITH A PRAYER. THIS IS ONLY A GUIDE – SELECT THE POINTS YOU WANT TO DISCUSS.

1. What do you see as success?
2. Do you believe that God wants to use you to influence others? In what ways could you influence people?
3. Are you willing to make yourself available to be used by God?