

I. Series Review

- A. Everyone is wired for purpose.**
- B. Purpose keeps us moving forward.**
- C. Purpose gives allows us to enjoy fulfillment.**
- D. God’s purpose always prevails – the guaranteed blessing.**

II. Success in your purpose pursuit.

A. Review of the significance of finding God’s purpose.

Last week we discussed the great blessing of following God’s plan for your life.

Proverbs 19:21 (NIV) – *Many are the plans in a person’s heart, but it is the LORD’s purpose that prevails*

- 1. For the plan of God to prevail – it must succeed.**
- 2. When we engage in the plan of God for our life, God’s supernatural power is at work to ensure SUCCESS!**

B. God’s will be success!

- 1. Psalm 118:25 (NKJV)** – *Save now, I pray, O LORD; O LORD, I pray, send now prosperity*

Psalm 118:25 (HCSB) – *Lord save us, please grant success*

- 2. Psalm 20:4 (BSB)** – *May He give you the desires of your heart and make all your plans succeed*

3. Examples of Success in the Bible

a. Jacob

Genesis 30:43 (CEV) – *Jacob soon became rich and **successful**. He*

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owned many sheep, goats, camels, and donkeys, as well as a lot of slaves

b. **Joseph**

Genesis 39:2-3 (CEV) – *So Joseph lived in the home of Potiphar, his Egyptian owner. Soon Potiphar realized that the LORD was helping Joseph to be **successful** in whatever he did.*

Gen 39:23 (CEV) – *The jailer did not worry about anything, because the LORD was with Joseph and made him **successful** in all that he did*

c. **Moses’ declaration to the children of Israel**

Deuteronomy 2:7 (CEV) – *The LORD has helped us and taken care of us during the past 40 years that we have been in this huge desert. We've had everything we needed, and the LORD has blessed us and made us **successful** in whatever we have done*

d. **David**

1 Samuel 18:5 (CEV) – *David was a **success** in everything that Saul sent him to do, and Saul made him a high officer in his army. That pleased everyone, including Saul's other officers.*

e. **Hezekiah**

2 Kings 18:7 (CEV) – *The LORD helped Hezekiah, so he was **successful** in everything he did. He even rebelled against the king of Assyria, refusing to be his servant.*

f. **Solomon**

1 Chronicles 29:3 (CEV) – *So Solomon became king after David his father. Solomon was **successful**, and everyone in Israel obeyed him*

g. **Uzziah**

2 Chronicles 26:5 (CEV) – *Zechariah was Uzziah's advisor and taught him to obey God. And so, as long as Zechariah was alive, Uzziah was faithful to God, and God made him **successful**.*

NOTE: *What we see in the lives of these people is a flow of success. It was not success based upon their own wisdom and abilities. It was a supernatural flow of success that came from the Lord. **When we are in HIS purpose – we should expect this same flow of supernatural success to be at work in our lives.***

4. New Testament Observations

- a. **Luke 10:17 (NKJV)** – *Then the seventy returned with joy, saying, “Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name.*
- b. **As they preached the “Kingdom of God” – there was a flow of success**
 - Healing success
 - Deliverance success
- c. **On the day of Pentecost when Peter preached, 3,000 were saved = Success**

III. God’s Instruction for Success

A. Joshua 1:8 (NKJV) – *This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success*

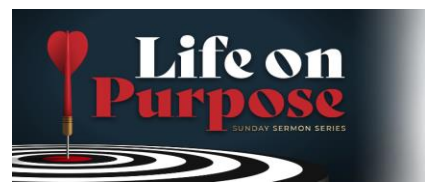
1. God was setting Joshua/Israel up for success.

Notice – There were some things they need to do to ensure His success.

- a. Although God will work on our behalf, cooperation is required.
- b. If God wants me to succeed, then I will – NO! (Wrong Thinking)
Your cooperation will be required.
- c. Joshua and the younger generation of people had lived among a generation of people that had not succeeded. They did not acquire the things God wanted them to have.
- d. If they were going to receive different than those whom they had lived among – they would have to *THINK DIFFERENT*.

2. God’s Success

- a. Is not earned – it is believed for – faith required.
- b. They were assigned to God’s success – but they had to believe for it.
- c. The land flowed with it – milk and honey – no lack – but they had to believe for it.
- d. It was already purposed by God for them to be successful – but they had to be believed for it.



e. His divine assistance was ready to give them total success – but they still had to believe for it.

3. God tells Joshua “How to Believe for it” – how to be successful.

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a. “This book”

You are not going to accomplish anything apart from this book!

You need to be in this book!

If you’re not in the book – there will be no success!

b. Keep the book in your mouth.

Saying what God says is important.

Saying what God says vs what your circumstances say.

Saying victory vs defeat.

Saying health vs sickness.

Saying Strength vs weakness.

Proverbs 18:21 (NKJV) – *Death and life are in the power of the tongue, And those who love it will eat its fruit*

The first generation received exactly what they said.

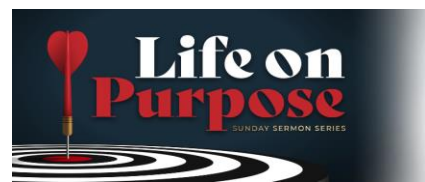
Numbers 14:28 (KJV) – *Say unto them, As truly as I live, saith the Lord, as ye have spoken in mine ears, so will I do to you:*

Numbers 14:28 (NLT) – *Now tell them this: ‘As surely as I live, declares the Lord, I will do to you the very things I heard you say.*

Joel 3:10 (NKJV) – *Beat your plowshares into swords And your pruning hooks into spears; Let the weak say, “I am strong.”*

Joel 3:10 (NLT) – *Train your weaklings to be warriors*

Other versions:



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Let the weak say, “I am a mighty man”

Let the weakling say, “I am a warrior.”

HOW? By getting them to change their confession of themselves.
From weak – to strong!

- c. **Meditation** – “Meditate in it day and night”
- d. Mediation is your thought life
 - Don’t put your mind on lack and failure.
 - Don’t put your mind on the failure of others.
 - Hold a tight rein on your attention.
 - God is telling them to DISCIPLINE their attention to think only on HIS WORD.
 - **Meditation drives the word into you spirit.**
 - **Meditation is:**
 - Seeing yourself victorious.*
 - Seeing yourself healed.*
 - Seeing yourself overcoming.*
 - Seeing yourself strong.*
 - **Meditation changes/sharpens/corrects your way of thinking.**
 - **If you MEDITATE on His word – you will eventually become full of His word** – and His word will be in your mouth. *Some are trying to skip meditation and put the word in their mouth; this doesn’t work. Just repeating things that are not in your heart – doesn’t work against your enemy. God wanted Joshua and His people to be full of the Word. If they were going to overcome the enemies of their purpose, they would have to be full of God’s word.*
 - **Victory flows out of FULLNESS**
 - Not emptiness – not half full!*
- e. **The Success of mediation and speaking.**

For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.
God’s flow of success comes from these simple instructions.