

# Success in College... *God's Way*

## GOD'S PLAN FOR MY SUCCESS

### For starters: *Things I need to believe...*

1. There is a God and I can know him personally.
2. He came to earth as Jesus Christ.
3. The Bible is the word of God.
4. Jesus Christ has a plan for my life.
5. He desires my success.

### What is success and who defines it? Are there differences in the definition?

- World's View
  
- My view
  
- God's view

**"Success from God's viewpoint is not based on financial gain, material possessions or social position. It is based on an intimate relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ."**<sup>1</sup>

Biblical example: **Joseph** (coat of many colors) – Do you consider him a success? Was he always a success?

- Sold into slavery by brothers
- Was slave in the home of Potipher
- Falsely accused and then imprisoned
- Entrusted with overseeing the prison he was a prisoner in
- Forgotten in prison by fellow prisoners
- Liberated through explaining dreams to become Prime Minister of Egypt
- Saves Egypt and family when famine comes

### Lessons:

- Listening and obeying God precedes success.
- The road is not always easy and can be quite difficult.
- God requires us to be patient.

**"True success is something that happens on the inside of us. It is not as much external as it is internal."**<sup>1</sup>

**Jeremiah 29** <sup>11</sup>For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.

**1 Corinthians 2** <sup>9</sup>But as it is written: "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him." <sup>10</sup>But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God.

**Proverbs 3** <sup>5</sup>Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; <sup>6</sup>In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths.

**Psalms 37** <sup>4</sup>Delight yourself also in the LORD, And He shall give you the desires of your heart.

### Personalize

What do I consider myself a success?

Specifics:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

- **Do I have a plan for success, especially in college?**
- **What are my goals?**
- **Did I set them with God's help?**

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<sup>1</sup> Charles Stanley, "Success God's Way"