

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO SUCCEED?

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Joshua 1:8 (NIV) *“Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.”*

To SUCCEED According To God’s Standard...

S - See love as most important

Matthew 22:37-40 (NIV) *“Jesus replied: ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment.³⁹ And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’⁴⁰ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”*

1 Corinthians 13:2-3 (NIV) *“If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing.³ If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, but have not love, I gain nothing.”*

1 Corinthians 13:13 (NIV) *“And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.”*

John 3:16 (NIV) *“For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.”*

U - Understand the mission given

John 3:17 (NIV) *“For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him.”*

Matthew 28:19-20 (NIV) *“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”*

C - Commit to the Great Commandment and Commission

Matthew 5:13 (NIV) *“You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled by men.”*

Matthew 5:14-16 (NIV) *“You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden.¹⁵ Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house.¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.”*

Psalms 37:5-6 (NIV) *“Commit your way to the LORD; trust in Him and He will do this:⁶ He will make your righteousness shine like the dawn, the justice of your cause like the noonday sun.”*

C - Concentrate on producing fruit

Psalms 1:1-3 (TEV) *“Blessed are those who reject the advice of evil people, who do not follow the example of sinners or join those who have no use for God.² Instead, they find joy in obeying the Law of the Lord, and they study it day and night.³ They are like trees that grow beside a stream, that bear fruit at the right time, and whose leaves do not dry up. They succeed in everything they do.”*

Galatians 5:22-23 (NIV) *“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,²³ gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.”*

John 15:5-8 (NLT) *“Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in Me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from Me you can do nothing.⁶ Anyone who parts from Me is thrown away like a useless branch and withers. Such branches are gathered into a pile to be burned.⁷ But if you stay joined to Me and My words remain in you, you may ask any request you like, and it will be granted!⁸ My true disciples produce much fruit. This brings great glory to my Father.”*

E - Experience self denial

Matthew 16:24a (NIV) *“Then Jesus said to His disciples, ‘If anyone would come after Me, he must deny himself...’”*

E - Expect to take up your cross

Matthew 16:24b (NIV) *“If anyone would come after Me, he must deny himself, take up his cross...”*

D - Dedicate your life to following Christ

Matthew 16:24c (NIV) *“If anyone would come after Me, he must deny himself, take up his cross and follow Me.”*