

F. Stand firm on your commitment.

I Corinthians 15:58 *“Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord.”*

G. Surrender everything to Christ.

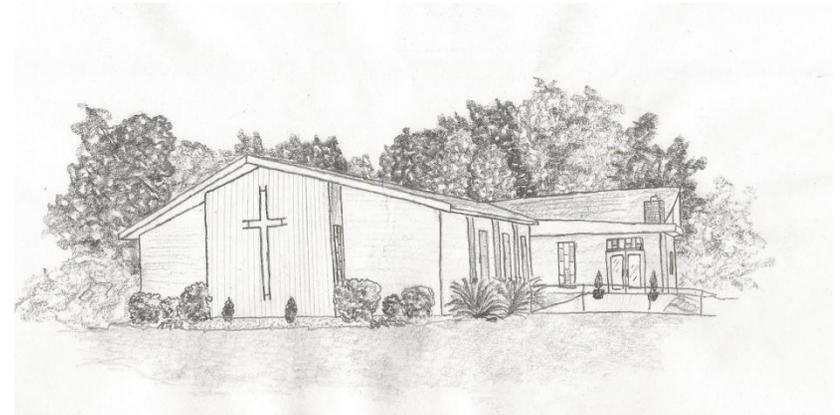
Matthew 6:33 *“Seek first the kingdom and his righteousness and all these things will be added.”*

Surrender begins with devotions every day.

Conclusion:

Biblical Success is when:

- We love God with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength, and
- We allow Him to unlock the imprisoned potential in our lives!



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Sermon Outline

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“Biblical Keys to Success”

“In his heart a man plans his course, but the Lord determines his steps.” Proverbs 16:9

Introduction

*“You know that your labor is **not in vain** in the Lord.”
I Corinthians 15:58*

- Success in life is determined by our perspective of it.
- The world's perspective of success is the power to get what you want without stepping on other people.

- The **Christian's** perspective of success is when we choose to enter into the arena of action that contributes to the betterment of others.

I. Why We Fail At Success

A. Many just don't feel the **need** to succeed.

KEY: as Christians, if success is being all God wants us to be, we can't fall short of His **blessings!**

B. Some people are **afraid** of success.

Why are some people afraid of success?

1. Success puts pressure on us to **continue**.
2. Some have **low** self-image.
3. **They are afraid to step into the deep water.**

C. Suspicious of Success

"To fail to become all that God created you to become limits not only yourself, but also those under your influence." – Anonymous

II. Keys to Success

A. Select your **goal**.

Successful Goal Setting Guidelines:

1. Include **others**
2. **Make the goal worthwhile.**

3. **Make the goal clear.**
4. **Make the goal measurable.**
5. **Make the goal expandable.**
6. Make the goal **filled with convection.**

B. **Keys to** your potential.

Thought: It is said we use 10% of our potential. What could we accomplish with 10% more?

C. **Commit yourself to God's plan.**

"God **empowered** believers" ought to make a difference as opposed to non-believers.

Questions to consider in finding God's Plan:

1. Am **I** consecrated to Him?
2. What are **your** spiritual gifts and desires?
3. What are **your** strengths and weaknesses?
4. What ministry am **I** in right now?

D. **Chart your course.**

If God is your partner make **BIG GOD** plans.

E. **Expect problems.** Paul Harvey said "You can always tell when you're on the road to success; it's uphill all the way."