

# WHAT IS SUCCESS?

- Richard Branson, founder of the Virgin group of companies, "Too many people measure how successful they are by how much money they make or the people that they associate with. In my opinion, true success should be measured by how happy you are."
- Mark Cuban, "To me, the definition of success is waking up in the morning with a smile on your face, knowing it's going to be a great day. I was happy and felt like I was successful when I was poor, living six guys in a three-bedroom apartment, sleeping on the floor."
- John Wooden, "Peace of mind attained only through self-satisfaction in knowing you made the effort to do the best of which you're capable."
- Warren Buffett, "I measure success by how many people love me."
- Thomas Edison, "Success is 1% inspiration, 99% perspiration."
- Maya Angelou, ""Success is liking yourself, liking what you do, and liking how you do it."

How do you define success?

The word "**SUCCESS**" is found in the KJV only ONE time.

- Joshua 1:8, "This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success."
- Yet, the Hebrew word for success 'sakal' is also translated
  - Prosper – Deuteronomy 29:9
  - Taught – 2 Chronicles 30:22
  - Wise – Job 22:2
  - Understanding – Psalm 119:99
  - Skillful – Daniel 1:4

'SAKEL' is used 65 times in the OT

Success is NOT found in our possessions or wealth. Ecclesiastes 2:10-11 And whatsoever mine eyes desired I kept not from them, I withheld not my heart from any joy; for my heart rejoiced in all my labour: and this was my portion of all my labour. Then I looked on all the works that my hands had wrought, and on the labour that I had laboured to do: and, behold, all was vanity and vexation of spirit, and there was no profit under the sun.

## KEY TO GODLY SUCCESS

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- "This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth." – Faithfully ministering God's Word.
- "Thou shalt meditate therein day and night." – Constant occupation with the Lord. (Ps. 1:2)
- "That thou mayest observe to do according to that that is written therein." – Obey God's Word.
- Results: **Prosperity** and **good success**.

## EXAMPLES OF GODLY SUCCESS

- "His lord said unto him, WELL DONE, THOU GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord." (Matthew 25:21)
- "SHE HATH DONE WHAT SHE COULD: she is come aforehand to anoint my body to the burying." (Mark 14:8)
- "I HAVE FOUGHT a good fight, I HAVE FINISHED my course, I HAVE KEPT the faith." (2 Timothy 4:7)

Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all." (1 Timothy 4:15)