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If you do not know the Lord Jesus as your Saviour and Lord, pray the following prayer in faith, and Jesus will be your Lord!

Heavenly Father, I come to You in the Name of Jesus. Your Word says, "Whosoever shall call on the Name of the Lord shall be saved" (Acts 2:21). Come into my heart Jesus and be Lord over my life. According to Romans 10:9-10: "That if you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord', and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved."

I confess that Jesus is Lord, and I believe in my heart that God raised Him from the dead.

If you have just prayed this prayer, please write and let us know of your decision. We have a **free** minibook, titled **The New Birth** that we would like to send you to help you begin your new life in Jesus!

SERVICE TIMINGS

Sunday

Worship & the Word	10:30 am
Covenant Kids	10:30 am
Nagamese Service	2:30 pm
Prayer & Praise	5:30 pm*

Wednesday

Pastor's Bible Study	5:30 pm
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Friday

Dream Team	5:30 pm
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Saturday

Radical Generation	4:30 pm
*as announced	

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GOD'S FORMULA FOR SUCCESS



By Pastor John Roughton

Joshua 1:8

This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful 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.

God wanted Joshua to be successful. If God didn't want Joshua to find success why did he tell Joshua how to be successful? If I didn't want you to visit my home why would I give you directions to my house?

God not only wanted Joshua to succeed, he wants you to be successful too. **Acts 10:34** says **God shows no partiality**. What he is willing to do for one, he is willing to do for all. Does that mean that all of us are going to conquer kingdoms and annex real estate? No, but it does mean fulfilling God's plan for our individual lives. And if you fulfill God's plan, he will prosper you.

We could say **Joshua 1:8** is God's formula for success. If you're not experiencing success, then listen carefully.

Notice the wording in the last part of this verse:

For then YOU will make YOUR way prosperous.

God will help us and bless us, but that doesn't mean we do nothing. God doesn't bless laziness! Some people lie around the house all day long watching television or wasting time on the internet and wonder why they're not prospering. But in **Deuteronomy 28:8** God promised to bless everything you put your hand to. But if you don't put your hand to anything, God doesn't have anything to bless. Even if the Lord blessed you a hundredfold, what's 100 X 0? Zero!

Joshua 1:8 is a promise for success and prosperity, but this promise is conditional. If we meet the requirements in this verse, we'll get the results. If we do our part, God will do His part. In other words, if you're not prospering, it's not God's fault.

The first thing God said to Joshua is: **This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth**. Some translations say, This written Word of **God must be in your mouth**. God is emphasizing the importance of His written Word, the Bible. If you want to prosper and find success (I mean Godly success) you must put the Word of God first place in your life.

The Word must be the final authority in your life.

That means what God says in his Word is greater than what your family members say or what your community says. You must place the Word above your feelings and emotions. Lame excuses like: *“I wanted to do what the Word says, but I didn’t feel like it,”*—mean absolutely nothing to God. The Word must be above your culture. God is not interested in hearing you complain, “I know the Bible says that, but that’s not the way we do things in Asia.”

The Bible is a revelation of the Spirit of God to us. It is not a dusty old book that reminds you of the Baptist church you attended as a child. It is not a sentimental collection of pretty words that reminds you of your late grandmother. His Word is alive with power. It speaks to us today and it is relevant for us for **His truth endures to all generations** (Psalm 100:5).

There is no revelation greater than the Scriptures. The Bible is superior to any vision, prophecy, dream or supernatural experience anyone can have. If your “revelation” doesn’t agree with the Bible, then it is not from God. It’s just that simple.



I sometimes meet people who are eager to share with me an unusual dream they had, or a vision they saw. But I would say that 99% of the time I seriously doubt that their revelation was from God. What they shared with me didn’t line up with the Scriptures and it didn’t bear witness with my heart.

I’m not skeptical, but I am discerning.

My point is simply this: you cannot disregard the Bible and be successful. If you don’t take God’s Word seriously, he won’t take your word seriously. Maybe you need to make a fresh dedication to put God’s Word first-place in your life!

Some Christians don’t “get anything” out of the Bible when they read it. They find it boring and meaningless. The problem is they’re not committed to it, it’s not first place in their lives. If they would decide, *“From now on, whatever I see in the Word I’m going to do,”* then the Bible would open up to them and to speak to them.

This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth.

That means we must constantly speak his Word. It is not enough to know it mentally, God wants us to give voice to it.

But you shall meditate on it day and night.

The Hebrew word translated **meditate** comes from a word that means, *“as the cow chews the cud.”* God wants us to meditate on his Word the way a cow chews grass. A cow takes a long time to chew its food. If you take a close look at a cow you’ll notice the animal is almost always slowly chomping away on something; it is chewing the cud. After a cow has chewed thoroughly and swallows, it then spits the food back up again into its mouth and continues chewing some more. The cows swallows a second time and then immediately regurgitates, and chews some more. This process is repeated several times. That’s how cattle digest their food.

Likewise, God wants us to slowly, carefully, digest his Word, **day and night**. The Hebrew word for **mediate** also means “to mutter.” In other words, to gain spiritual strength and nourishment from God’s Word, you need to continually think on it and quietly speak it yourself.

You’ve heard people murmur and complain before, right? (If you haven’t, I’m sure you’ve done it!) It

sounds like a low grumbling, that is barely audible. *“I don’t know why we have to do this...I’m sick and tired of the way he treats me...Sometimes I just feel like quitting this job...If my husband doesn’t change I’m going leave him...”*

Instead of meditating on your problems, meditate on God’s promises! It sounds similar to muttering; only the words are positive and up-lifting. *“I’m walking in God’s favor today...I’m born of God and the enemy can’t touch me...the love of God has been poured into my heart...that love is greater than the hatred in this world...”* Amen?

So that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it.

It is not enough to know the Word or even to think on the Scriptures, we must act on them. Meditation is not an end in itself; it is a means to an end. We’re not chanting mantras like a Hindu. We’re not trying to work ourselves into a trance. We are reminding ourselves, we’re keeping his Word fresh in our hearts, so that we will live it. We talk so we can walk.

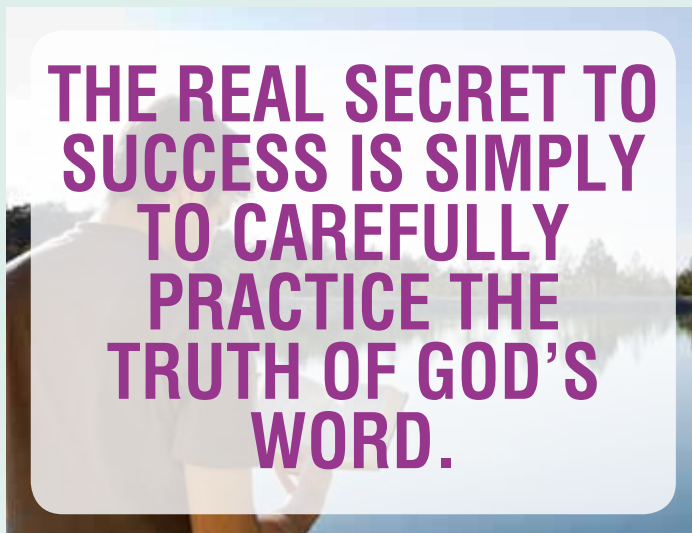
James 1:22
But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

Knowledge is good, but it is knowledge acted upon that produces results. If you only hear the Word but never do it, you’ve deceived yourself. In other words, you’re believing a lie. You’re not going to be blessed just because you read this article. You’re not going to be successful just because you hear me preach. You won’t prosper just because you graduate from Spirit of Faith Bible School.

James 1:25
But the one who looks into the perfect law of liberty and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.

It is the doer of the Word that is blessed. The real secret to success is simply to carefully practice the

truth of God’s Word.



It’s interesting that James said **but be doers of the Word**. That’s not just occasionally doing something biblical; it means a lifestyle of obedience.

I once baked a cake. It turned out alright and I enjoyed eating it. But no one calls me, “John the baker.” If I baked cakes everyday, if I did it for a living, then people would call me a baker. If you go to church when you feel like it, tithe when you have some extra money, pray when you have a crisis, love others when they love you. No one would call you a doer of the Word. They would say you are a typical nominal Christian —always hoping that some how, some way, God will bless you; asking every minister you meet, “Please pray for my life.”

But when you put the Word first place, looking into the perfect law of liberty and continuing in it —that means day and night you study it, ponder it, think on it, talk about it, constantly remind yourself so that you won’t be a forgetful hearer —and then you practice what you’ve learned, apply it to your situation, then you’ll be blessed.

What happens to the doer of the Word? **He will be blessed in his doing**. Or as God said to Joshua, **For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success**. This is God’s formula for success.

सफलता



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व्यवस्था की यह पुस्तक तेरे चित से कभी न उतरने जाए, इसी में दिन रात ध्यान दिए रहना, इसलिये कि जो कुछ उस में लिखा है उसके अनुसार करने की तू चौकसी करे; क्योंकि ऐसा ही करने से तेरे सब काम सफल होंगे, और तू प्रभावशाली होगा।

परमेश्वर चाहता है कि आप जीवन में कामयाब हों। परमेश्वर सच में चाहता था कि यहोशू कामयाब हो जाए - इसीलिए उसने यहोशू को कामयाबी पाने का तरीका बताया। अगर मैं आपको मेरे घर नहीं आने देना चाहता हूँ, तो मैं आपको मेरे घर तक पहुँचने का रास्ता

बहुत से लोग ऊँची जगह पर उन्नति करना चाहते हैं, लेकिन इस समय जहाँ पर भी वे हैं, वहाँ पर उन्हें कोई सफलता नहीं मिली है।

क्यों बताऊँगा? यह बात पक्की है कि परमेश्वर चाहता था कि यहाँ शू कामयाब हो जाए। हकीकत तो यह है कि परमेश्वर पूरे इस्राइल के देश को कामयाब बनाना चाहता था।

लेकिन, आप इस बात पर ध्यान दें: इस्राइल के लोग परमेश्वर के सेवक थे, जबकि मैं और आप मसीह के द्वारा परमेश्वर की संतान हैं। यदि परमेश्वर अपने सेवकों को कामयाब होते हुए देखना चाहता था, तो वह अपने बच्चों को फेल होते हुए क्यों देखना चाहेगा? दुनिया में कोई भी आदमी अपने परिवार से उतना ज़्यादा प्रेम नहीं कर सकता जितना ज़्यादा परमेश्वर अपने परिवार से प्रेम करता है। बिना किसी शक के, परमेश्वर हमें कामयाब होते हुए देखना चाहता है।

इससे बढ़कर प्रेरितों 10:34 में बाइबल कहती है कि परमेश्वर किसी का भी पक्षपात नहीं करता है। जो काम वह एक के लिए करने को तैयार है, वही काम वह दूसरे के लिए भी करना चाहता है। अगर परमेश्वर चाहता था कि यहोशू को कामयाबी मिल जाए, तो वह आपके लिए भी वैसा ही चाहता है। लेकिन यहोशू 1३8 को नोट करें: ऐसा ही करने से तेरे सब काम सफल होंगे, और तू प्रभावशाली होगा। उन्नति, कामयाबी के पीछे चलती है, वे दोनों इक्कट्टे चलते हैं। बहुत से लोग उन्नति के पीछे लगे रहते हैं जबकि उन्हें कामयाबी की खोज में लगे रहना चाहिए। दूसरे शब्दों में, बहुत से मसीह लोग

परमेश्वर से पैसे मांगते हैं, जबकि प्रार्थना तो यह करनी चाहिए कि परमेश्वर उनके जीवन की बुलाहट में उन्हें प्रभावशाली बनाए। आमतौर से ऐसा होता है कि जब आप अपने काम में कामयाबी हासिल कर लेते हैं, तो उन्नति खुद से ही आप को ढूँढ लेती है। सच में तो, इस वचन में अनुवाद किए गए इब्रानी शब्द “सफल” का मतलब है, “कामयाब होना।”

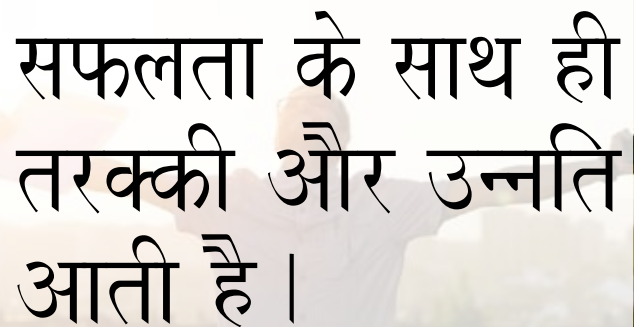
उत्पत्ति 24 अध्याय में एक दिलचस्प कहानी है। अब्राहम ने अपने बेटे इसहाक के लिए पत्नी ढूँढने के खातिर अपने सेवक को भेजा। 40 वचन में अब्राहम ने उसे कहा, “यहोवा, जिसके सामने मैं चलता आया हूँ, वह तेरे संग अपने दूत को भेजकर तेरी यात्रा सफल करेगा। जब अब्राहम “सफल” शब्द का इस्तेमाल करता है इसका मतलब यह नहीं है कि सेवक रातों-रात अमीर बन जाएगा। उसके कहने का मतलब यह था कि परमेश्वर उस सेवक की सहायता करेगा कि जिस काम के लिए वह गया है उसमें वह कामयाब हो जाए।

अगर कामयाबी का मतलब लक्ष्य तक पहुँचना होता है, तो सबसे पहले हमारे जीवन में एक लक्ष्य होना चाहिए। कोई भी फुटबॉल टीम बिना गोल किए मैच नहीं जीत सकती है। मैदान में मौजूद टीम के हर एक खिलाड़ी को पता होता है कि गोल कहाँ पर करना है। आप तब तक कामयाब नहीं हो सकते, जब तक कि आपको यह नहीं पता कि आपको क्या काम पूरा करना है। बहुत से लोग बस व्यस्त रहने के लिए ही कामों में लगे रहते हैं। वे व्यस्त दिखने में ही खुश रहते हैं चाहे उन्हें थोड़ी सी कामयाबी ही क्यों न मिले। अब्राहम के सेवक की कहानी में हम लोग कामयाबी के बारे में कुछ सीख सकते हैं। उत्पत्ति 24:9 तब उस दास ने अपने स्वामी अब्राहम की जाँघ के नीचे अपना हाथ रखकर उससे इस विषय की कसम खार्ई।

अब्राहम बहुत ज़िद्दी था: उसने यह बात मन में ठान ली थी कि उसका बेटा किसी अन्य जाति की, परमेश्वर में विश्वास न करने वाली औरत से शादी नहीं करेगा। उसने अपने सेवक को इस बात की शपथ खिलाई कि वह अपने काम को बखूबी करेगा। सेवक ने पक्का वादा किया। जो लोग समर्पित नहीं होते उन्हें सफलता बहुत कम मिलती है। हर एक कंपनी इस बात की डिमांड करती है कि उसमें काम करने वाला हर एक इन्सान उसके लक्ष्यों के प्रति समर्पित हो। अगर कोई इन्सान बड़ी बड़ी नाम वाली कंपनियों के लिए काम करता है, तो उसे अपना 100 प्रतिशत उसके काम में देना पड़ता है। जो प्रोफेशनल बड़े बड़े खिलाड़ी होते हैं वे पूरी तरह से अपने खेल के प्रति समर्पित होते हैं। वे अच्छी सेहत व

शरीर को तंदरूस्त रखने के लिए लगातार कसरत करते हैं और अपने खेल में लगातार निखार लाते रहते हैं। जाने-माने ऊँचे दर्जे के संगीतकार पूरी तरह से अपने संगीत के प्रति समर्पित रहते हैं। वे दिन-रात संगीत के सुरों का रियाज़ करते रहते हैं।

बहुत से लोग बेमतलब के ही ज़िंदगी में भटकते रहते हैं, मरी हुई मछली की तरह वे पानी के बहाव के साथ बहते जाते हैं। किसी भी काम के लिए उनके मन में जोश नहीं होता और जीवन के बारे में वे गंभीर नहीं होते हैं। बहुत से ऐसे अधकच्चे टेलेंट (गुण) वाले लोग होते हैं जिनमें अनुशासन की कमी होती है और इस कारण से वे जीवन में कोई छाप नहीं छोड़ते। यह दुःख की बात है। लेकिन, हमें आधे-अधूरे किस्म की और एक बेमतलब की ज़िंदगी जीने के लिए अपने आप को दोष देने की ज़रूरत नहीं है। परमेश्वर के पास हमारे जीवन के लिए एक योजना है। इस धरती पर परमेश्वर ने हम सब के लिए एक काम करने के लिए रखा हुआ है। हमें अपनी बुलाहट के प्रति समर्पित होना चाहिए और पूरे जोश के साथ परमेश्वर द्वारा दिए गए सपने को पूरा



सफलता के साथ ही
तरक्की और उन्नति
आती है।

करने में लगे रहना चाहिए, ऐसा करने से ही हम कामयाब होंगे। बहुत से लोग ऊँची जगह पर पहुँचना चाहते हैं, लेकिन जहाँ पर भी वे हैं उस जगह पर उन्हें कामयाबी नहीं मिली है। छोटे कामों में विश्वासयोग्य बने रहें और परमेश्वर इस बात को पक्का करेगा कि आपको बड़े कामों में भी अधिकारी बनाया जाए। जब भी आप को नौकरी में, स्कूल में, या चर्च में काम करने को दिया जाए तो उस ज़िम्मेदारी को गंभीरता से निभाएं। इस बात को याद रखें कि अपनी खुद की ताकत से आप कम काम कर पाएँगे, इसलिए परमेश्वर के अनुग्रह और बुद्धि के लिए प्रार्थना कीजिए। पवित्रआत्मा की अगुवाई में चलें और जैसा वह कहता है वैसा ही करें। इस बात का ध्यान रखें कि हर एक काम के पूरा होने का श्रेय परमेश्वर को दें।



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in earthen vessels.
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