

**King's Way Church**  
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**RECIPE FOR SUCCESS:  
GETTING INTO THE HABIT OF SUCCESS**  
**PSALM 1**

Stephen Covey wrote the book *The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People*. It became a bestseller because it presented a practical, easy to follow framework for developing the habits of success. This is an important lesson in the quest for success: successful people have certain habits.

Success, quickly defined, is knowing God's will and doing it; discovering God's plan for your life and living it. Today we will look at three characteristics a Biblically successful person has. People who live out God's plan for their lives tend to live by these habits. If you want to be successful, here are 3 habits to develop.

• **DON'T FOLLOW THE CROWD.**

The successful person has learned to reject the crowd, because he realizes that the crowd is not always one's best source of guidance. When it comes to matters of right and wrong the majority doesn't always rule.

*a. Don't listen to what the crowd says.*

*(v. 1) Blessed is the man who does not follow the advice of the wicked.*

Overall, the crowd's advice is "Your happiness comes first; you must look out for you. Let the other guy worry about himself." If you want to succeed, you cannot listen to that crowd.

*b. Don't do what the crowd does.*

*(v. 1)...or take the path that sinners tread...*

Our tendency, by nature, is to take the easy way. The successful person, however, takes the right path, not the easy path.

*c. Don't go where the crowd goes.*

*(v. 1)...or sit in the seat of scoffers.*

There is a saying, "He who runs fastest runs alone." The successful person runs alone. He certainly doesn't run with the crowd.

• **GET A ONE-TRACK MIND**

*(v. 2)...but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on His law he meditates day and night.*

Successful people have a one-track mind. They know the difference between right and wrong and they are committed to doing what is right. **Success by deceit is not success at all.** You cannot defy God's law and be truly successful. (*Joshua 1:8*)

Meditating on God's law—allowing it to dominate our thoughts—gives us the strength to live according to its principles. Paul said, *Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.* (*Philippians 4:8-9*)

• **DEVELOP WEATHER-RESISTANT FAITH**

*(v. 3-4) He is like a tree planted by streams of water which yield its fruit in its season, and whose leaves do not wither. Whatever he does, prospers. Not so the wicked! They are like chaff that the wind blows away.*

The Bible doesn't promise a soft and easy life. It is a fact of life that we will go through trials and tribulations, and must endure seasons of pain as well as seasons of joy. The successful person is the one who can weather any storm that life brings.

There are some Christians who believe that if you have faith, you won't have any serious problems. That's not what the Bible teaches. The Bible doesn't teach that faith prevents bad weather; it teaches that faith protects you during bad weather.

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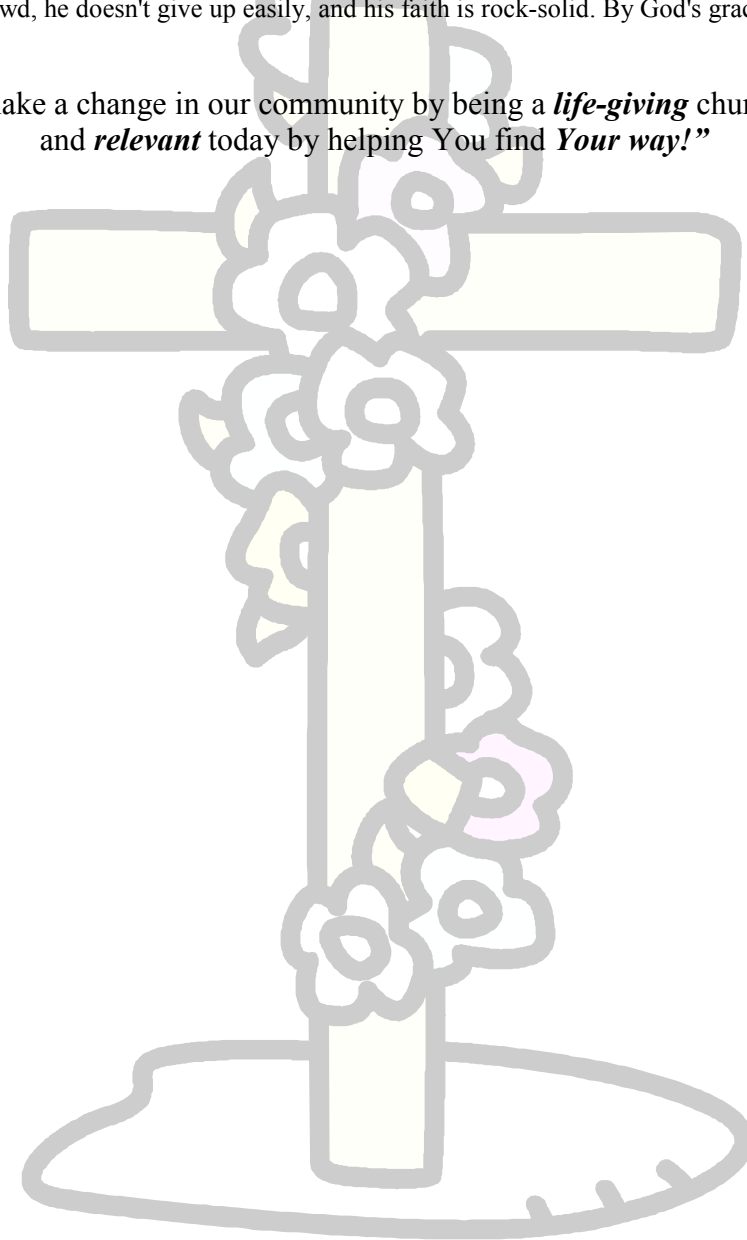
*He shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit. (Jeremiah 17:8)* Put your faith in God. He will help you endure any storm or any drought that life brings your way. Notice how David closes this psalm: (v. 6)...*the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.*

## CONCLUSION

The Bible offers a perspective on success different than we may be used to. **Success is knowing God's will and doing it.** Doing God's will is the result of developing the habits of success. It comes to this: the successful person is influenced by the Word, not by the world. He doesn't follow the crowd, he doesn't give up easily, and his faith is rock-solid. By God's grace, may we all enjoy this kind of success.

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