

A Plan for success

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Introduction

1. Matthew 7:6-20
2. We are to be successful in our life
3. How are we to be successful? Do you have a plan?
4. We know that one can fail to succeed but we want to show a biblical plan by which everyone can be successful.

II Discussion

1. There are some things that are sacred Matthew 7:6 (Proverbs 11:2)
 1. This is judging or forming some kind of opinion
 2. Some are considered dogs and swine before God Philippians 3:2; 2 Peter 2:22
 3. There is some kind of judgement that we must pass Acts 13:46; 18:6
 4. We are to be holy Hebrews 12:14; 1 Peter 1:16; Romans 12:1-2; 6:19-23; 2 Corinthians 7:1
2. We must act if we want to succeed Matthew 7:6-11
 1. Ask - ask God for help 2 Thessalonians 5:17; 1 Timothy 2:1-2
 2. Seek - know where you are going Luke 9:62; Colossians 3:1-2
 3. Knock - there is work to do 1 Corinthians 15:58
3. We must respect others Matthew 7:12
 1. Those who reach the top while leaving a path strewn with the carnage of victims trampled along the way are still not successful.
 2. Respect for those in authority Hebrews 13:17; Romans 13:1
 3. So many have no respect for authority!
4. We must give thought to the future to be successful Matthew 7:13-20
 1. We must know where we want to be before we can get there.
 2. We must know what kind of fruit we want to bear, good or bad.
 3. Thought must be given to the present to long range plans

III Conclusion

1. Success is not an overnight affair
2. Success is not a permanent affair either.
3. The Bible helps us to be successful
4. Hear it
5. Believe it
6. Obey it

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