

S.U.C.C.E.E.D at Work

Colossians 3:23-24

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Today, I want to talk about how to **S.U.C.C.E.E.D.** at work. *How many people want to be successful in their work?*

God made us to work. He created us to be co-labourers with Him in this world. *Mention Dr. Damadian last Sunday...*

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However, **all of us have a job to do in this world** - and as children of God, we have a special purpose to fulfill that will bring a blessing to many people in this life.

Your success at work is a blessing to others.
God Himself is a worker.

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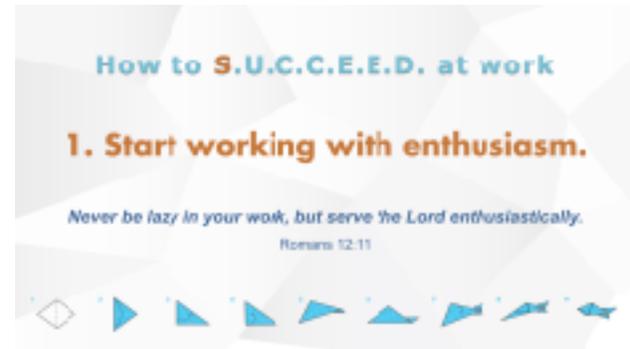


Your **success** at work matters to God. So there's a purpose to our work that goes beyond this life, and if we are found faithful in our work we will be richly rewarded in heaven.

I want to share with you 7 ways to **S.U.C.C.E.E.D.** at your work.

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1. **S** Start working with enthusiasm. Enthusiasm is a choice.



Philippians 2:14-15

"Do all things without grumbling or questioning, that you may be blameless and innocent... and shine as lights in the world."

Your enthusiasm will increase your *productivity* and *pleasure* in your work - and this attitude will often lead to *promotion*. **Proverbs 13:4** says - "*The soul of the sluggard craves and gets nothing, while the soul of the diligent is richly supplied.*" **Success at work begins with enthusiasm.**

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2. **U**nderstand who you really work for. Colossians 3:23-24

Ralph Waldo Emerson had this truth in mind when he said, "If you serve an ungrateful master serve him the more."

2 Timothy 2:15

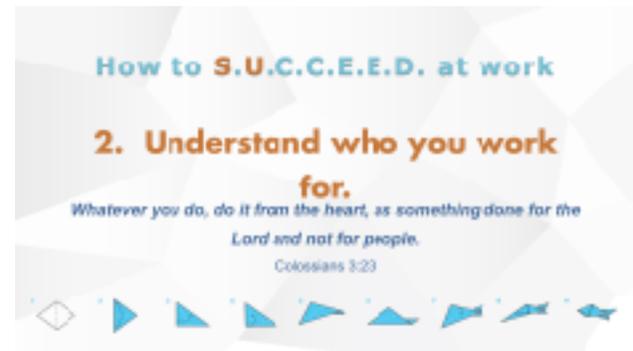
That kind of attitude will **transform your work into worship**. It doesn't matter if you scrape paint, wash dishes, repair cars, fix plumbing leaks, teach children to read and write, perform medical operations or accounting

transactions. Your work becomes an act of worship when you *understand who you really work for*.

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3. **C**oncentrate on your character. Romans 5:3-4

Joseph had to learn how to deal with **temptation at work**. When you're tempted at work - to be *unkind*, to *get angry*, to be *prideful* or get *greedy* -



remember that *every temptation is an opportunity to do good and to grow in godly character.*

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4. **C**are about people at work.

If you want to succeed and see God's favour on your work you've got to

care for the people you work with.

"Everything you do must be done with love" (1 Corinthians 16:14 NLT).

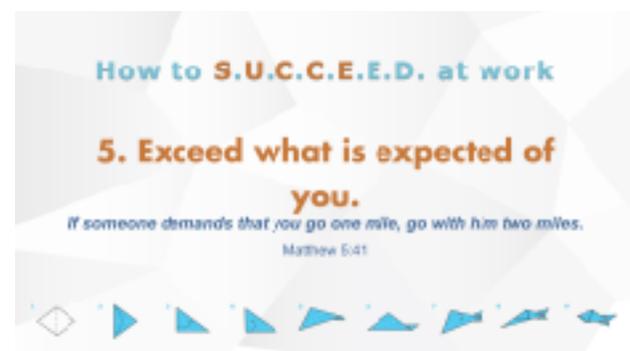
Why is this so important for success?

There are people you work with that need *affirmation*, *attention*, and *affection*. Learn to care about the people you work with and show them God's love. *"Be humble and gentle, be patient with each other, making*

allowances for each other's faults because of your love" (Ephesians 4:2 LB).

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5. **E**xceed what is expected of you.



If you want your work to be blessed, give God your best. God wants you to

go the extra mile. That is the kind of work God blesses.

Many years ago an elderly lady was strolling through a Pittsburgh department store, just "*killing time*"....

It pays to go the extra mile. To exceed what is expected of you.

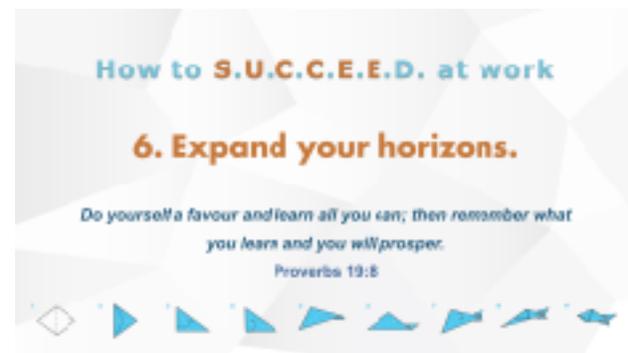
This is the advice of Jesus in **Matthew 5:41**, where he says, "*If someone demands that you go one mile, go with him two miles*".

Don't just do the minimum. Exceed what's expected of you and watch God bless your work.

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6. **E**xpand your horizons

When faced with a new opportunity at work, instead of saying "***Oh no. I can't do that***" why not say, "***OK. Sure. Let me give it a try***".



Ecclesiastes 10:10 says, "*If the ax is dull and its edge unsharpened, more strength is needed, but skill will bring success*" (NIV).

The ax can be a metaphor of the mind.

Proverbs 19:8 TEV

"Do yourself a favour and learn all you can; then remember what you learn and you will prosper".

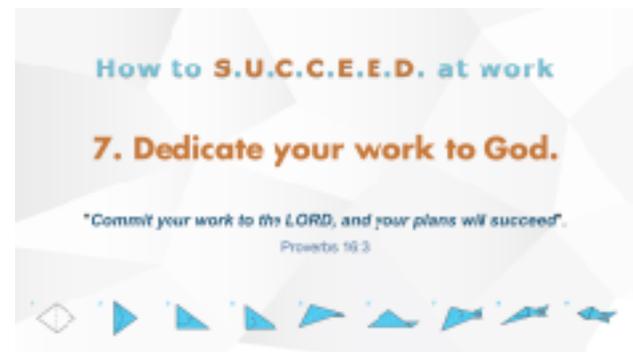
Every time you come to church you are sharpening your ax for success. You put yourself in a position to renew your mind and learn something new. **Give God the first day of the week**, learn all you can, remember what you learn, and watch God bless your work.

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7. **D**edicate your work to God.

Leviticus 27:8 says,
"...every devoted thing is most holy to the LORD".

The word holy means - set apart, distinct. When you dedicate your work to the Lord, you are setting yourself apart from the crowd and setting yourself up for success. God always blesses what is holy and dedicated to him.

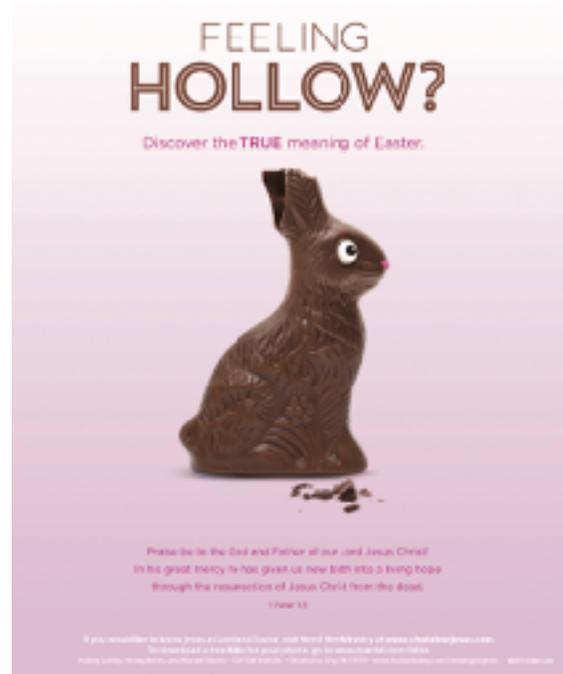


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See this Easter Ad? (put up SLIDE)

The company is Hobby Lobby, and it has been purchasing these full-page ads in hundreds of newspapers since 1997.

Proverbs 16:3 says -
"**Commit your work to the LORD, and your plans will succeed**".



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**Prayer of Dedication
(everybody)**

God, I thank you for the gift of work. I ask that you grant me success at work so that others may be blessed. I ask that you take my *mind* and fill it with your wisdom. Take my *heart* and fill it with your love. Take my *mouth* and fill it with your words of life and truth. Take my *hands* and give them controlled strength. Take my *feet* and lead me into new opportunities. Take it all, Lord and use it for your glory. Amen.

