

The Truth About Success

Matthew 16:26,27

The belief system that a person chooses to live by, is very significant.

The reason many lives crash, is because they build their lives on assumptions that are wrong even though they are sincerely acclaimed.

What do we mean concerning success? Typically, that is defined in America, as p_____ or p_____.

Why Is America Burned Out?

A. If success means possessions and positions? Then most of us, no matter how hard we try, are never going to have it.

B. And the second reason there is stress, is because even if you are one of the few that get it, it's hard to keep it.

Jesus says, the problem is not your desire, for success. But the way you measure it.

Jesus taught that any gauge of success, that leaves God and eternity out, is----inadequate.

No life lived without God will be viewed as a success, from the vantage point of eternity. Matt.26:26, 27

Jesus tells us how to be a success----in God's eyes.

#1 Jesus says, be careful with your i_____. Ref: Matt. 6:19

The Greek word for fool is af' rone, which also could mean mindless or stupid, or by implication, ignorant. Specifically it could mean egotistic. Practically it could mean rash. Morally, it could mean unbelieving.

Now, how do you put treasure into your heavenly bank account? I would suggest, every act of authentic worship, makes that bank account bigger.

I would also suggest every act that you make to strength your character, every sacrifice that you make for the Kingdom of God. You are making that heavenly portfolio larger.

I also believe that every time you do something to serve one another. You are making that heavenly portfolio grow. In other words, eternally successful people, make major investments in loving God, and loving people.

#2 Be Helpful to Your N_____.

True greatness comes from how much good ----you did for your neighbor. Ref: Mark 9:35

I am convinced that human beings create pecking orders. We use cars and homes, and titles and jobs. And degrees and skin color. And decide, who fits where--- on our societal hierarchy. Now we do this to give our society order.

Jesus wants us to serve the least of these.

Now how in the world can that be greatness? Listen here's the answer it's because the only things on earth that last forever are people. Anything you give your life to that doesn't help a person is temporary. Ref: Mark 9:35