

HOW TO ACHIEVE SUCCESS!

Introduction

Recently as I was scanning the announcements of some book clubs to which I belong I noticed the following titles:

Swim With the Sharks Without Being Eaten Alive, by Harvey Mackay

How to Make Nothing But Money, by Dave Del Dotto

Do What You Love, the Money Will Follow, by Marsha Sinetar

All three of these books claim to be formulas for financial success. Of course, there are many books on the market that speak of other kinds of success -- social, political, scientific, educational, moral, even spiritual success.

It is this subject -- how to achieve success -- that I would like to speak about.

Generally speaking, I think we could all agree that success is preferable to failure.

Stephen Potter, founder of the School of Lifemanship, put it this way: "If you're not one up, then you're one down."

In Joshua 1:7-8 the Lord spoke to Joshua and said:

Only be strong and very courageous; be careful to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left; so that you may have success wherever you go.

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 success.

In essence, the Lord said to Joshua, "Obey my will, and you will have success."

Just as the Lord wanted Joshua to have success, both in his personal life and in the service to which He had called him, so God wants us to have success, both in our personal lives and in the service to which He is calling