

Spiritual Success

E. W. "Buck" Larimore discusses in his book *How To Be Successful In Life* (2022) that life success is based upon one's ability to use their unique success power in order to achieve maximum life results. Larimore suggests that such includes defining what success means to the individual and planning a realistic process for pursuing ones visions and goals to achieve maximum results. Why did Larimore write this book? Perhaps it is because most people have a desire to successful in some way, manner, or fashion in life. Countless books have been written on the topic of success in life.

While all books written regarding how to be successful in life may have some good points and teach certain tactics and techniques for life success, these books overall speak nothing of success spiritually. Whereas there is nothing wrong in achieving success in life, we as Christians must remember that our physical lives are temporary, but our spirit (soul) will go on existing forever. Thus, we should consider what is necessary for how to be successful in spiritual life over success in physical life.

First, we need to be constant in our pursuit of living according to God's will through our focus on His word. Jesus states, "But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall added to you" (Matthew 6:33). As a Christian, make it your goal to be at every assembly of the saints. Make it your goal to read and study His word every day. Make it your goal to pray every day (1 Thessalonians 5:17). Make His will the priority in your life.

Secondly, make it your pursuit to glorify God through your life. Jesus declares, "By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples" (John 15:8). Seek out opportunities to be a productive servant. Each of us as a Christian have a talent (Ephesians 4:11, 1 Corinthians 12). Let us each use our talent(s) for His glorification.

Finally, do not let anyone or anything get between you and your Father in Heaven. God wants to reward us and welcome us into His Heaven, but such must be our goal. James tells us, "Blessed is the man who endures temptation; for when he has been approved, he will receive the Crown of Life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him" (James 1:12). Jesus further says, "He who overcomes shall not be hurt by the second death" (Revelation 2:11).

Remember, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" (Philippians 4:13). Let Paul's words guide you to spiritual success.