

6. The Key to My Success Is Moving Closer To Jesus.

John 15:4 (NKJV) **Abide in Me, and I in you.** As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, **unless you abide in Me.**

John 15:5 (NKJV) "I am the vine, you are the branches. **He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.**

John 15:6 (NKJV) If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned.

John 15:7 (NKJV) **If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.**

John 15:8 (NKJV) **By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.**

John 15:9 (NKJV) "As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love.

John 15:10 (NKJV) If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love.

John 15:11 (NKJV) "These things I have spoken to you, that **My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full.**

Isaiah 56:7 (NKJV) Even them I will bring to My holy mountain, And **make them joyful in My house of prayer.** Their burnt offerings and their sacrifices Will be accepted on My altar; For My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations."

Isaiah 56:8 (NKJV) The Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, says, "Yet **I will gather to him Others besides those who are gathered to him.**"

Acts 1:14 (NKJV) **These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication,** with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers.

Acts 1:15 (NKJV) And in those days Peter stood up in the midst of the disciples (altogether **the number of names was about a hundred and twenty**), and said,

Acts 2:1 (NKJV) When the **Day of Pentecost had fully come,** they were all with one accord in one place.

Acts 2:2 (NKJV) And **suddenly** there came a sound from heaven, as of a **rushing mighty wind,** and it filled the whole house where they were sitting.

Acts 2:3 (NKJV) Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them.

Acts 2:4 (NKJV) And **they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues,** as the Spirit gave them utterance.



Building on Life's Only Solid Foundation

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Matthew 16:13 (NKJV) When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, "**Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?**"

Matthew 16:14 (NKJV) So they said, "Some say John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

Matthew 16:15 (NKJV) He said to them, "But **who do you say that I am?**"

Matthew 16:16 (NKJV) Simon Peter answered and said, "**You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.**"

Matthew 16:17 (NKJV) Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for **flesh and blood has not revealed this to you,** but My Father who is in heaven.

Matthew 16:18 (NKJV) And I also say to you that you are Peter, and **on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.**

Matthew 16:19 (NKJV) And **I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.**"

2 Corinthians 5:17 (NKJV) Therefore, **if anyone is in Christ,** he is a **new creation;** old things have passed away; behold, **all things have become new.**

2 Corinthians 5:18 (NKJV) Now all things are of God, who has **reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ,** and has **given us the ministry of reconciliation,**

2 Corinthians 5:19 (NKJV) that is, that **God was in Christ** reconciling the world to Himself, **not imputing their trespasses to them,** and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

2 Corinthians 5:20 (NKJV) Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God.

2 Corinthians 5:21 (NKJV) For **He made Him** who knew no sin **to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.**

Romans 8:1 (NKJV) **There is therefore now no condemnation** to those who are **in Christ Jesus,** who do not **walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.**

Romans 8:2 (NKJV) For the **law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.**

1. I cannot be successful without God's involvement.

Psalms 127:1 (NKJV) **Unless the Lord builds the house, They labor in vain** who build it; **Unless the Lord guards the city, The watchman stays awake in vain.**

Psalms 127:2 (NKJV) **It is vain** for you to **rise up early, To sit up late, To eat the bread of sorrows;** For so **He gives His beloved sleep.**

Proverbs 19:21 (AMP) **Many plans are in a man's mind, but it is the Lord's purpose for him that will stand.**

2. The Way I Think and My Actions Are Connected.

Isaiah 55:6 (NKJV) **Seek the Lord** while He may be found, **Call upon Him** while He is near.

Isaiah 55:7 (NKJV) Let the wicked **forsake his way**, And the **unrighteous man his thoughts**; Let him **return to the Lord**, And **He will have mercy** on him; And to our God, For **He will abundantly pardon**.

Isaiah 55:8 (NKJV) "For **My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways,**" says the Lord.

Isaiah 55:9 (NKJV) "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are **My ways higher than your ways**, And **My thoughts than your thoughts**.

Isaiah 55:10 (NKJV) "For **as the rain comes down**, and the snow from heaven, And do not return there, But **water the earth**, And make it bring forth and bud, That it may **give seed to the sower** And **bread to the eater**,

Isaiah 55:11 (NKJV) **So shall My word be** that goes forth **from My mouth**; It shall **not return to Me void**, But it shall **accomplish what I please**, And it shall **prosper in the thing for which I sent it**.

Isaiah 55:12 (NKJV) "For **you shall go out with joy**, And be **led out with peace**...

Joshua 1:8 (NKJV) This **Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth**, but **you shall meditate** in it day and night, that **you may observe to do** according to all that is written in it. For then **you will make your way prosperous**, and then **you will have good success**.

Romans 12:1 (NKJV) I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that **you present your bodies a living sacrifice**, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.

Romans 12:2 (NKJV)

And **do not be conformed** to this world, but **be transformed by the renewing of your mind**, that **you may prove** what is that **good and acceptable and perfect will of God**.

3. My Actions (Daily Life Choices), Strengthen or Weaken Me.

Matthew 7:24 (NKJV) "Therefore whoever **hears** these sayings of Mine, and **does** them, I will liken him to a **wise man** who **built his house on the rock**:

Matthew 7:25 (NKJV) and the **rain** descended, the **floods** came, and the **winds** blew and **beat on** that house; and **it did not fall**, for it was **founded on the rock**.

Matthew 7:26 (NKJV) "But everyone who **hears** these sayings of Mine, and **does not do** them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand:

Matthew 7:27 (NKJV) and the **rain** descended, the **floods** came, and the **winds** blew and **beat on** that house; and **it fell**. And **great was its fall**."

According to Jesus, blessings or consequences are a result of life choices.

Contrast of Two Lives: Samson and Nehemiah

Samson (Focused on the wrong things)

Lust and Relationships with Philistine Women:

Disregard for His Nazirite Vow:

Pride and Lack of Accountability:

1. **Seven Fresh Bowstrings** (Judges 16:6-7):

2. **Seven New Ropes** (Judges 16:10-11):

3. **Weaving the Seven Locks of His Hair** (Judges 16:13-14):

4. **Revealing the Truth** (Judges 16:16-17):

Nehemiah (Focused on God's plan)

1. **The Four Invitations to Meet in the Plains of Ono** (Nehemiah 6:1-4):

2. **The Open Letter and False Accusations** (Nehemiah 6:5-9):

3. **The False Prophet Shemaiah** (Nehemiah 6:10-13):

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4. I Have an Example to Imitate.

1. **1 Corinthians 11:1 (NKJV)** "Imitate me, just as I **also imitate Christ**."

2. **Ephesians 5:1-2 (NKJV)** "Therefore be **imitators of God as dear children**."

3. **Philippians 2:5 (NKJV)** "Let **this mind be in you** which was **also in Christ Jesus**."

4. **1 John 2:6 (NKJV)** "He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked."

John 14:12 (NKJV) "Most assuredly, I say to you, **he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also**; and **greater works than these he will do**, because I **go to My Father**."

John 5:19 (NKJV) Then Jesus answered and said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, **the Son can do nothing of Himself**, but **what He sees the Father do**; for whatever He does, **the Son also does** in like manner."

John 5:20 (NKJV) For **the Father loves the Son**, and **shows Him all things that He Himself does**; and **He will show Him greater works** than these, that you may marvel."

John 12:49 (NKJV) For I have **not spoken on My own authority**; but the **Father who sent Me** gave Me a command, **what I should say and what I should speak**."

John 8:38 (NKJV) I speak what I have seen with **My Father**, and **you do what you have seen with your father**."

5. I Can Do What God Says I Can Do Because I Am Like Him.

Romans 8:29 (NKJV) "For **whom He foreknew**, He also **predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son**, that He might be the **firstborn among many brethren**."

Galatians 2:20 (NKJV) "I have been **crucified with Christ**; it is **no longer I who live**, but **Christ lives in me**; and **the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God**, who loved me and gave Himself for me."

2 Corinthians 3:18 (NKJV) "**But we all, with unveiled face**, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are **being transformed into the same image from glory to glory**, just as **by the Spirit of the Lord**."