



THIS IS HOW WE DO IT! KEYS TO SPIRITUAL SUCCESS

Series Text: 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.”

INTRODUCTION

God wants us to win and sees us as successful and victorious. We have scriptures such as Romans 8:37, that tell us that “we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.” We also have 2 Corinthians 2:14 that says, “Now thanks be to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ...” However, many are frustrated in their Christian experience. I have learned in life that success always leaves clues. In this series we’re going to look at clues and discover Keys to Spiritual Success.

1. Success Key: COMMITMENT

- a. **“The only limit to your impact is your imagination and commitment.” Tony Robbins**
- b. What would your life look like if you were ever totally committed?
- c. Where would you be in life if you were ever totally committed?
- d. What would you have accomplished in life if you were ever totally committed?
- e. **Commit to:** God, marriage, family, children, job, business, your dream, yourself.

2. Message Text:

- a. Romans 12:11 NKJV - “not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord;”
- b. Romans 12:11 CEV - “Never give up. Eagerly follow the Holy Spirit and serve the Lord.”
- c. The sin of the church of Laodicea was being Lukewarm
- d. Commitment is under attack in our culture
- e. We are casual instead of committed

3. Commitment Defined - The state or quality of being dedicated to a cause, activity, relationship to be loyal to someone or something, a promise to do or give something.

- a. **“Most people fail not because of a lack of desire but because of a lack of commitment.” Vince Lombardi**
- b. **“You need to make a commitment, and once you make it, then life will give you some answers.” Les Brown**
- c. God the Father showed total commitment to mankind - John 3:16 He gave His only begotten Son.
- d. **Jesus** demonstrated total commitment
- e. “looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.” Hebrews 12:2 NKJV
- f. Because He gave His All He expects us to give our all.

4. Interest and Commitment

- a. **“There’s a difference between interest and commitment. When you’re interested in doing something, you do it only when it’s convenient. When you’re committed to something, you accept no excuses; only results.” Kenneth Blanchard**
- b. When Nicola and I started dating, I started out as interested, but soon became committed.
- c. A lot of people are interested in a lot of things but rarely commit to anything.
- d. Ladies you are worth more than interest, you deserve commitment!!
- e. God deserves more than your interest, He is worthy of your Commitment!
- f. Real commitment demands reciprocity - Mutually Beneficial.
- g. Are you giving as good as you are getting?

5. Shammah - 2 Samuel 23:11-12 NIV - “Next to him was Shammah son of Agee the Hararite. When the Philistines banded together at a place where there was a field full of lentils, Israel’s troops fled from them. But Shammah took his stand in the middle of the field. He defended it and struck the Philistines down, and the Lord brought about a great victory.”

- a. Shammah positioned himself in the middle of the field.
- b. If you’re going to win you have to be all in.
- c. There was no Halfway in Shammah!!
- d. Too many of us have lived life always hedging, holding back a little.
- e. Throw out plan B and stick to plan A!
- f. God will not bless what you are not committed to.

There are only two options regarding commitment; you're either in or you're out. There's no such thing as life in-between." Pat Riley

- Shamma defended what belonged to him
- His father's name Agee means- I shall increase
- Stay committed to your promise!

A. Elisha

2 Kings 2:1-13 NIV

1 When the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven in a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from **Gilgal**. 2 Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; the Lord has sent me to Bethel."

But Elisha said, "As surely as the Lord lives and as you live, I will not leave you." **So they went down to Bethel.**

3 The company of the prophets at Bethel came out to Elisha and asked, "Do you know that the Lord is going to take your master from you today?"

"Yes, I know," Elisha replied, "so be quiet."

4 Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here, Elisha; the Lord has sent me to Jericho."

And he replied, "As surely as the Lord lives and as you live, I will not leave you." **So they went to Jericho.**

5 The company of the prophets at Jericho went up to Elisha and asked him, "Do you know that the Lord is going to take your master from you today?"

"Yes, I know," he replied, "so be quiet."

6 Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; the Lord has sent me to the **Jordan**."

And he replied, "As surely as the Lord lives and as you live, I will not leave you." So the two of them walked on.

7 Fifty men from the company of the prophets went and stood at a distance, facing the place where Elijah and Elisha had stopped at the Jordan. 8 Elijah took his cloak, rolled it

up and struck the water with it. The water divided to the right and to the left, **and the two of them crossed over** on dry ground.

9 When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Tell me, what can I do for you before I am taken from you?”

“Let me inherit a double portion of your spirit,” Elisha replied.

10 “You have asked a difficult thing,” Elijah said, “yet if you see me when I am taken from you, it will be yours—otherwise, it will not.”

11 As they were walking along and talking together, suddenly a chariot of fire and horses of fire appeared and separated the two of them, and Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind. 12 Elisha saw this and cried out, “My father! My father! The chariots and horsemen of Israel!” And Elisha saw him no more. Then he took hold of his garment and tore it in two.

13 Elisha then picked up Elijah’s cloak that had fallen from him and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. 14 He took the cloak that had fallen from Elijah and struck the water with it. “Where now is the Lord, the God of Elijah?” he asked. When he struck the water, it divided to the right and to the left, and he crossed over.

- **Gilgal**- place of consecration, the reproach was rolled away through circumcision (in spite of the cutting away)
- **Bethel** - sons of the prophets talked about him (in spite of people)
- **Jericho** - where the walls came down (in spite of resistance and opposition)
- Keep walking until the walls come down

When confronted with a challenge, the committed heart will search for a solution. The undecided heart searches for an escape.” Andy Andrews

- Commitment leads to a Crossover
- Your crossover brings you into your double portion

B. Paul

I don't think that as a participant in life you cannot be committed. You either commit to mediocrity or commit to greatness." Les Brown

"But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord."

I Corinthians 15:57-58 NKJV

1. **Steadfast**- Fixed in Purpose
 - Focus on Purpose
 - Don't let people's pain or problems cause you to lose focus on your purpose

2. **Immovable**- Not to be moved from its place
 - Refuse to leave your place
 - Stay in that marriage, on that job, with those kids, in that church

3. **Abound**- Excel
 - Decide to win where you are at

Through Commitment I have a:

1. I have a promise increase
2. I have a promise of a double portion
3. I have a promise of victory

Today commit to the Lord ALL:

"Jesus said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the first and great commandment."

Matthew 22:37-38 NKJV