



WHATEVER YOUR HAND FINDS TO DO, DO IT WITH ALL YOUR MIGHT.

Ecclesiastes 9:10 (NIV)

Our society has taught us to define success by a person's job title and financial status. But what does it take for God to have his blessing on your work? To him the motive, method and meaning of your work matters more than the money. That's because you only take your character to heaven, not your career.

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This week I want to look at the seven keys to having God bless your work using the acrostic, SUCCEED.

If you want your work to be blessed by God, the first thing you must do is **Start working enthusiastically.**

Enthusiasm is not based on how fun your job is or how much it pays; it's based on why you do what you do. In fact, the word enthusiasm comes from the Greek words *en theos* which mean "in God."

If you want to be enthusiastic about your work, remember these three things:

1. **Your work is a test from God.** He is testing you to see how much he can trust you with in eternity. "Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much ... But if you have not been trustworthy with someone else's property, who will give you property of your own?" (Luke 16:10-12 NIV).
2. **God is watching what you do,** even when no one else is. Even if you have the most boring job in the world, God is watching to see your attitude. "Work hard so God can say to you, 'Well done.' Be a good workman, one who does not need to be ashamed when God examines your work" (2 Timothy 2:15 LB).
3. **Your attitude determines your joy.** A lousy job is a lousy job, but it's even worse when you complain about it. "The diligent find freedom in their work; the lazy are oppressed by work" (Proverbs 12:24 MSG). It's all in your attitude.

You can't succeed in life until you change your attitude about the work you are doing right now. Romans 12:11 says, "Never be lazy in your work, but serve the Lord enthusiastically" (NLT). Why? Because God is watching, so serve him enthusiastically.

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9. Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might; for there is no activity or planning or knowledge or wisdom in Sheol (the nether world, the place of the dead) where you are going.

11 I again saw under the sun that the race is not to the swift and the battle is not to the strong, and neither is bread to the wise nor riches to those of intelligence *and* understanding nor favor to men of ability; but time and chance overtake them all. 12 For man also does not know his time [of death]; like fish caught in a treacherous net, and birds caught in the snare, so the sons of men are ensnared in an evil time when a dark cloud suddenly falls on them.

13 This [illustration of] wisdom I have also seen under the sun, and great it was to me: 14 There was a little city with few men in it and a great king came against it and besieged it and built great battlements against it. 15 But there was found in it a poor wise man, and by his wisdom he rescued the city. Yet no man [seriously] remembered that poor man. 16 But I say that wisdom is better than strength, though the poor man's wisdom is despised and his words are not heeded. 17 The words of wise men heard in quietness are *better* than the shouting of one who rules among fools. 18 Wisdom is better than weapons of war, but one sinner destroys much good.

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Shared with Love, and Hope for Excellence by Oniah, Who is not perfect, who has not achieved, who has not touched the finish line, who has not obtained all that she needs and wants. But who is committed to the course, and the Hope that the Lord, is our strength, He has birthed each one of us for a SPECIFIC PURPOSE, and cushioned us with the needed strength, wisdom, connections, knowledge, grace for learning and land to work on – the path upon which we tread, so that the needs of the silent, less privileged, unnoticed and unheard can have their lives transformed, just because we have passed/ worked where their paths cross ours.

Remember beloved brothers and sisters, mothers and fathers, colleagues: We can all do everything through Christ Who is Mightily at WORK within us. Let us each day us, Lord open my eyes, so that I can see the need, strengthen my feeble hands, so that I can lift the low and needy, provide stamina to my feet, so that I can run the race set before me and at least thank Him for keeping us alive when we were sleeping and less wiser and for waking us up into the life of His purpose and Service.

If You Believe and I Believe, Africa can be saved, not with money, but with wisdom to do all, by reaching out. I pray for both. Amen