

# Formula for Success

Scripture: Psalm 1:1-3

**Psalm 1:1-3 KJV** <sup>1</sup>Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. <sup>2</sup>But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. <sup>3</sup>And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

## Introduction

Everyone wants to achieve success. I've never met a person who told me, "My ambition is to be a complete failure." God's Word gives guiding principles for all people to achieve success.

## I. Guard your associations

**Psalm 1:1 KJV** <sup>1</sup>Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

- A. Be careful of the counsel you receive
  - 1. Worldly philosophy
  - 2. Wicked (abiblical) advice
- B. Following the customs of a sinful world

**Proverbs 14:12 KJV** <sup>12</sup>There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death

- C. Calling the word of God into question

**Genesis 3:1-5 KJV** <sup>1</sup>Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, **hath God said**, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? \* <sup>2</sup>And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: <sup>3</sup>But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. <sup>4</sup>And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: <sup>5</sup>For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

## II. Guard your thought life

**Psalm 1:2 KJV** <sup>2</sup>But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

- A. Godly principles are for your protection

**3 John 1:2 KJV** <sup>2</sup>Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.

**Jeremiah 29:11 NIV** <sup>11</sup>For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

- B. Delighting and living by Godly principles prevents severe future consequences
- C. Meditating upon His word

## III. Guarding God's favor

**Psalm 1:3 KJV** <sup>3</sup>And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

- A. Determining daily if living in accord with His word
- B. Setting Godly parameters around your life
- C. Obeying His revealed will for your life

## Conclusion

Are you living in God's favor? Have you compromised your consecration? Are you allowing worldly principles to dominate your life? Are there areas in your life where you are not in full obedience to His word?