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CHAPTER **1**

DEFINING SUCCESS



Success, in a Biblical sense, is the faithful pursuit of God's will and the realization of His purposes for one's life. It involves living a life of integrity, humility, love, and service to others, ultimately seeking to glorify God in all endeavors- Proverbs 16:3;19:21, Philippians 4:13.

In a Biblical perspective, true success is not merely about worldly achievements or personal gain, but it's about living a life that is pleasing to God, serving others with love and humility, and ultimately seeking the eternal rewards found in a relationship with Him- Matthew 6:33; 16:26, Mark 8:34-38.

Success, as many people understand it, often means achieving goals, gaining wealth, or receiving recognition. But in the Bible, success is seen through a different lens. It's not just about personal achievements; it's about living life in a way that aligns with God's plan and purpose- Proverbs 3:5-6, 2 Corinthians 10:6.

In the Bible, success is deeply rooted in faith and trust in God. It means recognizing that our true source of guidance and strength comes from Him. When we seek God's will and trust in His wisdom, we're on the path to success.

Integrity is another important aspect of Biblical success. It involves doing what is right and just, even when no one is watching. This is because, in God's eyes, our character matters more than our accomplishments- Proverbs 11:3; 16:3; 20:7.

Humility and service are also key principles. Instead of seeking to be the greatest, the Bible teaches us to be servants, just as Jesus was. When we humble ourselves and serve others with love, we find true success- Psalm 25:9; 149:4; 37:11, Proverbs 11:2.

Purpose and calling are essential too. The Bible tells us that each of us has a unique purpose in God's plan. When we discover and live out that purpose, we're on the road to success- 1 Corinthians 7:17-18; 12:28, Ephesians 4:11.

In life, we face challenges, but Biblical success involves perseverance and resilience. It's about never giving up, relying on God's strength during difficult times, and learning from our experiences- Galatians 6:9.

Love and compassion are vital in Biblical success. Jesus teaches us to love one another and show compassion to those in need. This love is a hallmark of a successful life- Proverbs 19:17, Colossians 3:14, Galatians 6:10.

Stewardship and generosity are also significant. God entrusts us with resources, and Biblical success means using them wisely and sharing with others in need.

Wisdom and discernment are essential for making good decisions. The Bible encourages us to seek God's wisdom in all our choices, big and small- Proverbs 8:18-21; 14:23.

Gratitude and contentment remind us to appreciate what we have and to be thankful, even in times of plenty- John 6:11, Matthew 14:17-19, Mark 6:41, Luke 9:16.

Biblical success isn't just about this life; it's about the eternal perspective. It's about living in a way that store up treasures in heaven, knowing that our actions have lasting significance.

In this journey through the Biblical perspective on success, we'll explore these principles in more depth. We'll discover how aligning our lives with God's will leads to a success that goes beyond worldly achievements—it's a success that brings fulfillment, joy, and eternal significance.

The Key to True Success: Aligning with God's Will- Proverbs 3:5-6; 16:3, Jeremiah 17:7; 29:11

In the journey of life, we often have dreams, plans, and desires for success. We work hard, set goals, and strive to achieve them. But there's something crucial we must remember: aligning with God's will is the ultimate path to genuine success.

Imagine life as a grand puzzle. Each piece represents a moment, a decision, or a step in your journey. Success, in this puzzle, is not about just fitting pieces together haphazardly; it's about placing each piece in the right spot, in line with God's design.

Here are some simple truths about aligning with God's will:

1. Trust God's Plan: Imagine you have a roadmap for a long journey. You might want to take shortcuts or detours, but the best way to reach your destination safely is to follow the map. In life, God's Word is our roadmap. Trust it, and you'll stay on the right path.

2. Seek God's Guidance: Just as you'd ask for directions if you were lost, seek God's guidance through prayer and meditation. Ask Him for wisdom and clarity in your decisions. He's your ever-present GPS- Psalm 25:4-5.

3. Patience Pays Off: Sometimes, it seems like success is taking too long. But remember, God's timing is perfect. Waiting for the right moment is like waiting for the green light at an intersection. When it's time, you'll move forward with confidence- Proverbs 16:32, Romans 8:25.

4. Learn from Mistakes: If you take a wrong turn while driving, you learn from that mistake and get back on track. Similarly, when you make a wrong decision, don't lose hope. Learn from it, ask for forgiveness, and trust God to guide you back on the right path- Proverbs 24:16.

5. Love and Serve Others: Success isn't just about personal gain. It's about loving and serving others along the way. God's will often include acts of kindness, compassion, and helping those in need. It's in these actions that you'll find true fulfillment- Mark 10:42-45; 9:35, Romans 1:1, Matthew 20:28, 1 Peter 5:1-5.

6. God's Will, Your Joy: Think of God's will as a treasure map. When you follow it, you'll discover the hidden treasures of joy, peace, and purpose. These are the real treasures that bring lasting happiness.

Aligning with God's will is like having a heavenly GPS for your life. It ensures you're on the right path, taking the right turns, and

making the right decisions. It might not always be the easiest path, but it's the path to true and lasting success, where your life's puzzle pieces fit perfectly into God's beautiful design. Trust in Him, seek His guidance, and let His will be your compass on this incredible journey called life.

CHAPTER 2

THE ROLE OF FAITH IN ACHIEVING SUCCESS



Faith plays a significant role in achieving success from a biblical perspective. It's about trusting in God's promises and guidance even when circumstances seem difficult or uncertain. Let's explore this concept using simple words and examples from the Bible:

What Is Faith? - Hebrew 11:1

Faith is like believing in something even when you can't see it with your eyes. It's having confidence and trust in God, knowing that He is in control and has a plan for your life.

Examples of Biblical Figures Who Demonstrated Faith:

Abraham: Abraham is a great example of faith. God promised him descendants as numerous as the stars, but he and his wife Sarah were very old and childless. Still, Abraham believed God's promise, and eventually, they had a son named Isaac.

- Noah: Noah built an enormous ark because God told him a flood was coming. People thought he was crazy, but Noah had faith in God's word. When the flood came, his family and the animals were saved.
- Moses: Moses had faith when he led the Israelites out of Egypt. He trusted God, even when they faced challenges like crossing the Red Sea. God parted the sea, and they safely crossed to the other side.
- David: David, a young shepherd, had faith when he faced the giant Goliath. He believed God would help him, and with just a sling and a stone, he defeated Goliath.
- Daniel: Daniel's faith in God kept him strong when he was thrown into a den of lions. God protected him, and he wasn't harmed.

Why Is Faith Important for Success?

- Guidance: Faith helps us trust God's guidance in our decisions and plans. When we seek His direction, we're more likely to make wise choices.
- Courage: Faith gives us the courage to face challenges and obstacles, just like the Biblical figures that trusted God in difficult situations.

- Persistence: When we have faith, we don't give up easily. We keep going, believing that God is with us and will help us succeed.
- Hope: Faith fills us with hope, even in tough times. It reminds us that God has a purpose for our lives, and that purpose can lead to success.

Think of faith as your trust in God, like you trust a loving parent. Just as these people in the Bible believed in God's promises and guidance, you can believe that God is with you on your journey toward success. Keep your faith strong, and it will help you overcome challenges and achieve what you set out to do.

CHAPTER 3

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF LIVING A LIFE OF INTEGRITY IN SUCCESS



In the pursuit of success from a Biblical perspective, the principles of integrity and righteousness are foundational. They form the bedrock upon which true achievement is built. To understand the significance of living a life of integrity in success, let's break it down in simple terms:

Integrity Defined- Zechariah 8:16-17, Job 2:1-3

Integrity is all about being honest and doing what is right, even when no one is watching. It means having a strong moral compass that guides your actions and decisions. In the Bible, integrity is highly valued, and those who walk in integrity are often blessed by God.

The Connection Between Integrity and Success

Success achieved through deceit, dishonesty, or unethical means is not genuine success. It may bring temporary gains, but it often leads to emptiness, regret, and consequences. On the other hand, success rooted in integrity is lasting and fulfilling. Here's why:

Trustworthiness: When you have integrity, people trust you. Trust is essential in personal and professional relationships. When others trust you, doors of opportunity open, and you can accomplish more.

- **Clear Conscience:** Living with integrity means you have a clear conscience. You don't have to carry the burden of guilt or worry about being exposed. This peace of mind is invaluable.
- **God's Favor:** The Bible teaches that God honors those who walk in integrity. Proverbs 10:9 (NIV) says, "*Whoever walks in integrity walks securely, but whoever takes crooked paths will be found out.*" When you align with God's principles, you invite His favor into your life.

Stories of Individuals with Strong Moral Character

Let's delve into some Biblical stories of individuals who exemplified integrity and righteousness:

Joseph: Joseph, from the book of Genesis, is a prime example of a man of integrity. He resisted the advances of Potiphar's wife, even when it meant imprisonment. Eventually, he rose to prominence

and played a crucial role in Egypt's success, all because of his unwavering commitment to righteousness.

Daniel: Daniel's story in the book of Daniel showcases his commitment to prayer and righteousness, even when faced with the threat of a lion's den. His integrity and faithfulness to God not only saved him but also influenced the kings he served.

Job: Job's unwavering faith and integrity were tested through immense suffering. Despite losing everything, he maintained his trust in God and refused to curse Him. In the end, he was blessed with even greater prosperity.

These stories emphasize that integrity and righteousness are not just theoretical concepts but real virtues that can lead to remarkable success, even in the face of adversity.

Living a life of integrity and righteousness is a crucial element of Biblical success. It leads to trust, peace, God's favor, and lasting achievements. It's not always the easiest path, but it is the path that brings true and lasting success. As Proverbs 20:7 (NIV) says, *"The righteous lead blameless lives; blessed are their children after them."*

Humility and service are central themes in the Bible, and they are intricately connected to the concept of success. To understand this better, let's examine the life of Jesus as a servant leader, using simple words to convey these profound principles.

The Example of Jesus as a Servant Leader

Imagine you have a great leader named Jesus. He's not like the leaders we often hear about in the world. He doesn't boss people around or demand to be served. Instead, he does something remarkable—he serves others.

1. Washing the Disciples' Feet: One day, Jesus and his friends, called disciples, were having a meal together. Now, in those times, it was customary for a servant to wash the guests' dirty feet because they wore sandals and walked on dusty roads. But Jesus, the leader, did something unexpected. He took a basin of water and a towel and began washing the feet of his disciples.

Why this is important: This act of humility and service shows us that true leadership isn't about being at the top and having power over others. It's about caring for and serving those you lead. Jesus was teaching us that serving others is a mark of greatness.

2. The Greatest Among You: On another occasion, Jesus' disciples were arguing about who among them was the greatest. They wanted to be the most important. Jesus, with his wise and gentle words, told them that the greatest is the one who serves others, just like he did. He said, "*The greatest among you will be your servant.*"

Why this is important: Jesus was showing us that success isn't measured by how many people serve you or how important you appear to be. It's about how many people you can help and serve.

3. Love Your Neighbor: Jesus often talked about loving your neighbor as yourself. He told a story about a good Samaritan who helped a wounded man when others ignored him. Jesus said that being a good neighbor, caring for others, and showing kindness is what God values.

Why this is important: Success, according to Jesus, involves loving and caring for others. It's about being a good neighbor and helping those in need.

4. The Ultimate Act of Service: The most powerful example of Jesus' servant leadership is when he sacrificed his life on the cross

to forgive our sins. He willingly gave up his life to save us, showing the ultimate form of love and service.

Why this is important: Jesus' sacrificial act teaches us that true success is not about self-gain but about selfless love and service. It's about putting others' needs above your own.

In simple terms, Jesus teaches us that real success is found in being humble, serving others, and loving your neighbor. It's not about being the most important person in the room; it's about making others feel important and cared for. So, if you want to be truly successful, follow the example of Jesus—a servant leader who changed the world through love and humility.

CHAPTER 4

PURPOSE AND CALLING: CONNECTING TO SUCCESS



Discovering one's purpose and calling, in alignment with God's plan, is a fundamental aspect of achieving success in a biblical perspective. It involves understanding why you were created, what unique gifts and talents you possess, and how you can use them to fulfill God's purposes for your life.

Understanding Your Purpose:

God has a specific plan and purpose for each person. Your life is not accidental; you were created with intention. In Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV), God says, *"For I know the plans I have for you, plans to*

prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." This verse assures us that God has a good plan for our lives.

Examples from the Bible:

Moses: Moses was called by God to lead the Israelites out of Egypt. At first, he felt inadequate, but God assured him and equipped him for his purpose (Exodus 3-4).

- David: David was anointed as king when he was just a shepherd boy. He later became a successful king, known for his heart after God (1 Samuel 16; Acts 13:22).
- Esther: Esther's purpose was to save her people from destruction. She risked her life to approach the king and achieved success in her mission (Book of Esther).

Steps to Discover Your Calling:

Prayer: Seek guidance from God through prayer. Ask Him to reveal His purpose for your life.

- Self-Reflection: Reflect on your passions, talents, and what brings you joy. God often aligns your purpose with your natural inclinations.
- Seek Counsel: Seek advice from wise and spiritually mature individuals who can help you discern your calling.
- Open Doors: Pay attention to opportunities and doors that open in your life. God often guides you through circumstances.
- Biblical Principles: Study the Bible for guidance. It contains principles and wisdom that can help you understand your purpose.

Connecting Purpose to Success: When you discover and live out your God-given purpose, it leads to a fulfilling and successful life:

- **Alignment with God's Will:** You are in harmony with God's plan for your life, which often leads to His favor and blessings.
- **Passion and Drive:** Pursuing your purpose ignites passion and motivation, increasing your chances of success in your chosen endeavors.
- **Impact on Others:** Your purpose often involves positively impacting others, contributing to your sense of success and fulfillment.
- **Resilience:** Knowing your purpose provides resilience in the face of challenges, as you understand the greater mission you are part of- Matthew 24:13, Galatians 6:9, Psalm 31:24.

Remember that discovering your purpose is a journey. It may not happen overnight, and it may evolve over time. Stay open to God's leading, be patient, and trust that He will guide you toward a successful life that aligns with His divine plan.

CHAPTER 5

GRATITUDE AND CONTENTMENT



Introduction: Gratitude and contentment are essential components of true success in a biblical perspective. These qualities not only enhance our well-being but also strengthen our relationship with God. In this chapter, we will explore how to cultivate an attitude of gratitude in times of success and how to find contentment in what God provides- 1 Timothy 6:6-10.

Gratitude in Success: Success often brings joy and accomplishment. However, it's easy to forget the source of our

success. Gratitude is the act of recognizing God's blessings and giving thanks for them.

Scripture: Colossians 3:17 (NIV) "And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."

This verse reminds us to approach every success, big or small, with a heart of thanksgiving.

Contentment in God's Provision: Contentment is the state of being satisfied with what God provides, regardless of our circumstances. It's about finding joy in His blessings and trusting His plan for our lives.

Scripture: Philippians 4:11-12 (NIV) *"I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want."*

The Apostle Paul's words teach us the importance of finding contentment in all situations through our faith in God.

Practical Tips For Maintaining Thankfulness

- Daily Gratitude Journal: Keep a journal where you write down things you are thankful for each day, no matter how small. This practice helps you focus on blessings.
- Prayer of Thanks: Incorporate thanksgiving into your daily prayers. Spend time thanking God for His goodness and blessings.
- Serve Others: Volunteering and helping those in need can remind you of your own blessings and foster gratitude.

- **Limit Comparisons:** Avoid comparing your success or possessions to others. Comparison can lead to dissatisfaction.
- **Savor Moments:** Take time to savor and appreciate the moments of success, rather than rushing to the next goal.

Gratitude and contentment go hand in hand in the journey of success. They enable us to find joy in both our accomplishments and the daily blessings provided by God. By cultivating these qualities, we can experience a deeper sense of fulfillment and a closer relationship with our Creator.

Eternal Perspective:

Imagine life as a journey. Most people focus on the here and now, striving for success in their careers, relationships, and personal goals. But there's another dimension to success—the eternal one—Mark 8:34-38.

Earthly Success: This is what we typically think of as success during our time on Earth. It includes achievements, wealth, happiness, and the pursuit of our dreams.

- **Eternal Success:** This goes beyond our earthly journey. It's about what happens after this life. It involves our relationship with God, our spiritual growth, and the impact of our actions on our eternal destiny.

Key Points:

- Earthly success is temporary; it can't be taken with us when we die.
- Eternal success is enduring; it's about our soul's journey beyond this life.
- The choices we make on Earth can have eternal consequences.
- It's about living in a way that pleases God and aligns with our spiritual values.

Biblical Perspective:

The Bible teaches that our lives on Earth are a preparation for eternity. Scriptures like Matthew 6:19-20 (NIV) emphasize this idea: "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth... But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven." This means investing in our spiritual well-being and relationship with God.

The eternal perspective reminds us that while achieving success in this life is important, it's equally crucial to consider how our choices impact our eternal destiny. Success isn't just about the here and now; it's about the forever.

Success, in the eyes of our Creator, is a profound concept that transcends the mere accumulation of worldly achievements or material wealth. It's a journey of the heart and soul, a pilgrimage of purpose, and a way of life that resonates with God's divine plan for each one of us. It is the art of living in such a way that brings pleasure to God and blessings to those we encounter.

In this pursuit of success, we must come to fully trust in the magnificent design God has crafted for our lives. You are a unique creation, and God has a singular purpose, tailor-made just for you. As you align your ambitions and aspirations with His timeless principles, you unlock the door to genuine success.

Humble yourself in the knowledge that true success is not about elevating oneself above others but rather about becoming a humble servant to those around you. In following the footsteps of Jesus, who washed the feet of His disciples, you find that greatness is found in acts of service and selflessness. Even when the road seems challenging and obstacles appear insurmountable, hold fast to your faith. In those moments of doubt and adversity, remember that God's strength is your constant companion, empowering you to overcome all challenges.

Let love and compassion be your guiding stars on this journey. Embrace the profound truth that love is the cornerstone of true success. Extend your compassion to those in need, offering a helping hand, a kind word, or a listening ear. As you cultivate love and compassion in your heart, you'll discover that success is not a solitary pursuit; it's a shared experience that enriches the lives of others.

Generosity is a fundamental facet of success. As God's stewards, we are entrusted with various resources and blessings. Therefore, let generosity be a hallmark of your character. Share your blessings, not out of obligation but out of a heart overflowing with gratitude for all that God has bestowed upon you.

In the pursuit of success, seek wisdom from the ultimate source: God Himself. His wisdom surpasses all human understanding, and it is readily available to those who ask. Be guided by divine wisdom in your decisions, actions, and interactions, knowing that God's path is the one that leads to true prosperity.

As you journey towards success, never lose sight of the importance of gratitude and contentment. A heart filled with gratitude recognizes the abundance of God's blessings, even in the simplest of things. Find contentment in what you have, knowing that God's provision is always sufficient.

Lastly, always bear in mind that your actions in this life ripple into eternity. Each act of love, service, and righteousness contributes to a treasury in heaven, where your eternal rewards are stored. Keep this eternal perspective in your heart, knowing that your life's purpose transcends the boundaries of time.

May you walk the path of true success, hand in hand with the loving guidance of our Creator. May your journey be marked by humility, faith, love, generosity, wisdom, gratitude, and the assurance that your actions have eternal significance.

Prophetic Sayings and Utterances- Numbers 14:21, 28, Mark 11:23, Isaiah 55:11.

The Prophetic Realm Prophetic sayings and utterances are expressions of divine guidance, wisdom and revelation. In this simple teaching, we will explore the prophetic realm,

understanding its significance and how it can enrich our spiritual journey.

CHAPTER 6

THE NATURE OF PROPHETIC SAYINGS: DIVINE COMMUNICATION



Prophetic sayings hold a special place in the realm of divine communication. Throughout history, individuals chosen by God have served as messengers, delivering messages, guidance, and instructions from the Divine to humanity. In this teaching, we'll explore the key concept that prophetic sayings are indeed messages from the Divine, often delivered through chosen messengers.

Understanding Prophetic Sayings: Prophetic sayings, also known as prophecies or revelations, are divine messages communicated through chosen individuals known as prophets or messengers. These messages are not of human origin but are a direct form of communication from God to His people. They serve various purposes:

Guidance: Prophetic sayings often provide guidance to individuals, communities, or entire nations. They offer direction on moral, ethical, and spiritual matters. For example, the Ten Commandments given to Moses on Mount Sinai are a well-known example of divine guidance.

- **Correction:** At times, prophetic sayings are delivered to correct the behavior of individuals or societies that have strayed from God's path. Prophets may admonish, warn, or call for repentance when they see wrongdoing.
- **Foretelling:** Some prophetic sayings contain predictions about future events. These prophecies can serve to forewarn and prepare people for what lies ahead. For instance, the Old Testament contains numerous prophecies about the coming of the Messiah.
- **Reassurance:** In times of hardship or uncertainty, prophetic sayings offer reassurance and hope. They remind believers of God's presence, His faithfulness, and His promise to be with them.

Examples of Prophetic Sayings:

• **Isaiah's Prophecy of the Messiah (Isaiah 9:6):** *"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."* This prophecy foretells the coming of Jesus Christ.

- The Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7): Jesus' teachings in the Sermon on the Mount are prophetic sayings that provide guidance on living a righteous life, showing the character of God's kingdom.

- The Book of Revelation: The entire Book of Revelation is a prophetic message given to the apostle John, containing visions and revelations about the end times and the ultimate triumph of God's kingdom.

Recognizing Prophetic Sayings: How can we recognize when we encounter prophetic sayings?

- Testimony of the Messenger: Often, the messenger will clearly state that they are speaking on behalf of God. Prophets in the Bible, for instance, began their messages with phrases like "Thus says the Lord."

- Alignment with Scripture: Prophetic sayings should align with the broader teachings and principles found in sacred texts like the Bible. They do not contradict established divine wisdom.

- Fulfillment: Some prophetic sayings may come to pass over time, serving as a confirmation of their divine origin. Prophecies about the birth, life, death, and resurrection of Jesus are profound examples of this.

- Spiritual Discernment: Seek spiritual discernment through prayer and reflection. The Holy Spirit can guide believers in recognizing the authenticity of prophetic messages.

Conclusion: Prophetic sayings are a powerful form of divine communication, delivered through chosen messengers to guide, instruct, correct, and reassure. They hold a special place in religious traditions, offering insights into God's will and plan for

humanity. As we encounter prophetic sayings, let us approach them with reverence, discernment, and a commitment to aligning our lives with the wisdom they impart.

CHAPTER 7

THE RELEVANCE OF PROPHETIC SAYINGS IN DAILY LIFE- Romans 14:8, Mark 11:23

Prophetic sayings, often drawn from the wisdom of prophets, spiritual leaders, and sacred texts, hold profound relevance in our daily lives. They serve as timeless guides, providing insight and direction for navigating life's myriad challenges and decisions. In this teaching, we will explore the key concept that prophetic sayings offer invaluable wisdom for our daily journey.

The Nature of Prophetic Sayings: Prophetic sayings are words of guidance, encouragement, and foresight offered by individuals who have been divinely inspired or chosen as messengers. These sayings are often found in religious texts, but their relevance extends far beyond the confines of faith. They encompass universal principles that resonate with people of diverse beliefs.

Prophetic Sayings as a Source of Wisdom:

- Profound Guidance:** Prophetic sayings distill profound wisdom into concise and memorable phrases. They address fundamental aspects of human existence, such as ethics, morality, compassion, and purpose.

- **Timelessness:** These sayings transcend the limitations of time and culture. Their enduring relevance is a testament to their universal applicability, offering guidance in various life situations.

Examples of Prophetic Sayings: Let's examine a few well-known prophetic sayings and how they apply to our daily lives:

1. "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."

- This golden rule reminds us to treat others with kindness, respect, and empathy. It guides our interactions with friends, family, colleagues, and even strangers.

2. "Know thyself."

- This ancient saying encourages self-reflection and self-awareness. Understanding our strengths, weaknesses, and values is essential for making informed life choices.

3. "The journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step."

- This saying teaches us that even the most significant accomplishments start with small, manageable actions. It motivates us to begin our endeavors without feeling overwhelmed.

4. "This too shall pass."

- When facing hardships or challenges, this saying offers solace and perspective. It reminds us that difficult times are temporary and encourages patience and resilience.

Applying Prophetic Sayings in Daily Life

- **Reflection:** Take time to ponder the meaning and relevance of prophetic sayings. Consider how they can guide your decisions and actions.

- **Daily Affirmations:** Incorporate meaningful sayings into your daily routine as affirmations. This practice can help reinforce positive behaviors and attitudes.
- **Moral Compass:** Use prophetic sayings as a moral compass to navigate ethical dilemmas. They provide a reliable framework for making ethical decisions.
- **Conflict Resolution:** When conflicts arise, remember the wisdom contained in these sayings. They can serve as a basis for constructive communication and conflict resolution.
- **Inspiration:** Draw inspiration from prophetic sayings during challenging times. They offer comfort, hope, and a sense of purpose.

Prophetic sayings are not relics of the past; they are living sources of wisdom that guide us through the complexities of modern life. Embracing their timeless relevance can enrich our daily experiences, helping us make choices that align with our values and aspirations. Let us cherish these sayings as beacons of light, illuminating our path toward a more meaningful and fulfilling existence.

CHAPTER 8

PROPHETS AS INSTRUMENTS OF REVELATION

In the pages of the Bible, we encounter a profound and essential aspect of God's communication with humanity—prophets. These chosen individuals serve as instruments through which divine revelations are conveyed. Their role is pivotal in illuminating God's will and purpose for us. Let us embark on a journey to understand the significance of prophets as messengers of God.

I. The Purpose of Prophets:

- **God's Mouthpieces:** Prophets are chosen by God to serve as His mouthpieces, delivering His messages to humanity. (Amos 3:7)
- **Revealing God's Will:** They are entrusted with the task of revealing God's will, providing guidance, and calling people back to God when they stray. (Jeremiah 1:5, Isaiah 6:8-10)
- **Foretelling and Forthtelling:** Prophets serve both as foretellers of future events and forthtellers of God's present truths. (Isaiah 7:14, Micah 6:8)

II. The Characteristics of Prophets:

- **Divine Call:** Prophets are not self-appointed; they are called by God for a specific purpose. (Exodus 3:10, Jeremiah 1:4-5)
- **Inspired by the Spirit:** They are inspired and guided by the Holy Spirit to deliver God's messages faithfully. (2 Peter 1:21)
- **Courageous and Obedient:** Prophets often exhibit remarkable courage in delivering challenging messages and obeying God's instructions. (Jeremiah 20:9, Jonah 3:1-3)
- **Compassion and Love:** While they might deliver stern warnings, prophets also express God's deep love and desire for reconciliation. (Hosea 11:1-4)

III. The Role of Prophets in Scripture:

- **Old Testament Prophets:** The Old Testament is rich with prophets like Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Ezekiel who proclaimed God's messages, often addressing the nation of Israel's faithfulness and obedience.
- **Messianic Prophecies:** Prophets foretold the coming of the Messiah, Jesus Christ, and His redemptive mission. (Isaiah 9:6, Micah 5:2)
- **New Testament Prophets:** In the New Testament, we see individuals like John the Baptist who prepared the way for Jesus and Paul, who received divine revelations.

IV. The Relevance of Prophets Today:

- **The Completion of Scripture:** With the completion of the Bible, the role of prophets as foretellers has ceased, but the forth telling of God's truth continues.

- **Guidance and Discernment:** Studying the prophetic messages in the Bible provides guidance and discernment for our lives.
- **Listening to Modern-day Prophets:** While we should be cautious, God may still speak through individuals today, offering spiritual insight and encouragement. However, these must align with biblical teachings.

V. Our Response to Prophetic Messages:

- **Heeding God's Call:** Just as people in biblical times were called to heed prophetic messages, we are called to listen and respond to God's voice today.
- **Testing the Spirits:** We should test all prophetic messages against the Bible to ensure they align with God's truth. (1 John 4:1)
- **Prayer and Discernment:** Seek guidance and discernment through prayer when encountering prophetic messages.

Prophets serve as extraordinary instruments of revelation, carrying God's messages to guide, warn, and inspire humanity. While the era of foretelling may have ended, the prophetic tradition continues through forthtelling God's timeless truths. As we engage with prophetic messages, let us do so with reverence, discernment, and a heart open to God's guidance, for prophets remain significant conduits of His wisdom and purpose in our lives.

CHAPTER 9

THE POWER OF PROPHECY: BRINGING ENCOURAGEMENT AND EDIFICATION

In the realm of spirituality, prophecy stands as a timeless and powerful force. It has the remarkable ability to uplift and inspire individuals and entire communities, offering words of encouragement and edification in the face of life's challenges. Let's delve into the profound impact of prophetic sayings and how they can bring hope, comfort, and a sense of purpose to our lives.

Understanding Prophecy:

Prophecy is the act of receiving and delivering messages from a divine source. This practice has deep roots in religious and spiritual traditions worldwide, including Christianity, Judaism, Islam, and more. In the Bible, we find numerous examples of prophecy, from the prophetic books to the words of prophets like Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Daniel. Even the teachings of Jesus contain prophetic elements.

The Encouragement Factor:

One of the most significant roles of prophecy is to provide encouragement, particularly during times of adversity. When life throws challenges our way, prophetic words can serve as a source

of comfort and hope. Verses such as Isaiah 41:10 ("*Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.*") and Jeremiah 29:11 ("*For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.*") remind us that we are not alone in our struggles and that there is a divine plan for our lives.

Edification and Building Up: In addition to offering encouragement, prophecy plays a crucial role in edifying individuals and communities. It promotes spiritual growth by identifying areas of improvement and calling individuals to strive for higher standards of virtue and righteousness. Furthermore, prophetic messages can contribute to the building of harmonious and united religious communities by emphasizing values such as love, forgiveness, and service.

Prophecy as a Source of Inspiration:

Prophecy has the unique power to inspire action. When individuals receive prophetic messages that resonate with their hearts, they often feel compelled to take positive steps in their lives. Whether it's mending broken relationships, pursuing a new career path, or embarking on a journey of personal development, prophecy can serve as a catalyst for change. Countless stories exist of people who, inspired by prophetic words, made transformative and positive life choices.

Discerning Genuine Prophecy:

As we explore the power of prophecy, it's essential to recognize the need for discernment. Not all messages claiming to be prophetic are genuine, and distinguishing between authentic and false prophecy is crucial. The Bible advises us to "test the spirits"

(1 John 4:1), urging us to rely on prayer, discernment, and seeking spiritual guidance to distinguish truth from deception.

The Responsibility of Prophets and Prophecy:

It's vital to understand the responsibility that accompanies the gift of prophecy. Prophets bear the weight of conveying divine messages, and this role demands accountability, humility, and a genuine desire to serve rather than seeking personal gain or recognition.

The power of prophecy is a gift that can profoundly impact our lives. As we engage with prophetic messages, let us do so with discernment, humility, and a genuine longing to grow spiritually. In embracing the gift of prophecy, we can foster stronger, more compassionate, and inspired communities that reflect the love and purpose of the divine. The words of the prophets continue to resonate through time, offering hope, encouragement, and a path toward a more meaningful and purposeful life.

CHAPTER *10*

PERSONAL GUIDANCE THROUGH PROPHETIC SAYINGS: FINDING DIRECTION IN YOUR JOURNEY



In the quest for personal guidance and clarity in life, many individuals turn to various sources, seeking that elusive roadmap for their journey. While avenues for guidance are abundant, one intriguing source that has provided direction and insight for centuries is prophecy. In this post, we'll delve into how prophetic sayings can offer personal guidance and illuminate the path ahead.

Understanding Prophecy: At its core, prophecy involves receiving messages or insights from a divine source. These messages often convey guidance, revelation, or foresight about one's life, purpose, or circumstances. In the context of personal guidance, the power of prophecy lies in its ability to tap into divine wisdom and provide direction.

The Quest for Direction: Life can often be an intricate maze, filled with choices, challenges, and uncertainties. People seek guidance for various reasons, such as career decisions, relationships, personal growth, or spiritual development. It's in these moments of uncertainty and searching, that prophetic sayings can offer profound illumination.

Key Concept: Prophecy as Personal Guidance The central concept here is that prophecy serves as a conduit for personal guidance. Here's how it works:

Receiving The Message: Prophecy involves a message or insight being shared with an individual, often through a prophet or a spiritual leader. This message is believed to come from a divine source, offering a unique perspective on the individual's life journey.

- **Clarity Amidst Confusion:** When life's path seems foggy or challenging, a prophetic saying can cut through the confusion, providing clarity about the next steps or decisions to be made. It's like turning on a guiding light in the darkness.

Confirmation of Purpose: For many, discovering their life's purpose is a paramount quest. A prophetic message can serve as a confirmation or revelation of one's purpose, offering a profound sense of direction and fulfillment.

- **Peace in Decision-Making:** When faced with important decisions, prophetic guidance can bring peace and assurance. It

helps individuals make choices aligned with their spiritual journey and values.

Seeking and Receiving Personal Guidance Through Prophecy:

- **Prayer and Openness:** To seek personal guidance through prophecy, start with prayer and an open heart. Be receptive to divine wisdom and guidance.
- **Seek a Prophet or Spiritual Leader:** Consult with a trusted prophet or spiritual leader who has a reputation for providing genuine and accurate guidance. Seek recommendations if necessary.
- **Ask Specific Questions:** When consulting with a prophet, ask specific questions or share the areas of life where you seek guidance. Clarity in your inquiries can lead to more precise responses.
- **Discernment:** Exercise discernment in interpreting prophetic messages. Seek confirmation or clarification if needed. Not every word may resonate with your situation, so trust your intuition and spiritual discernment.
- **Application:** Act upon the guidance received. Personal guidance through prophecy isn't just about hearing the message; it's about taking steps to align your life with the insights provided.

In the journey of life, where uncertainty often looms large, prophetic sayings can be a source of personal guidance, offering direction and clarity. However, it's important to approach this avenue with an open heart, discernment, and a willingness to act on the guidance received. As you seek personal guidance through prophecy, may you find the illumination and direction you seek for your unique journey.

CHAPTER *11*

THE POWER OF SEEKING CONFIRMATION AND ENCOURAGEMENT

In our spiritual journeys, we often come across moments when we seek divine guidance and encounter prophetic messages that resonate with our hearts. These messages can be powerful, offering us insights, encouragement, and direction. Yet, in the realm of spirituality, seeking confirmation and counsel from trusted sources is a practice we should wholeheartedly embrace. It adds layers of assurance to the path we tread.

Personal Guidance:

When we receive a prophetic saying, it can be a deeply personal experience. It may resonate with our innermost hopes and fears, offering solace and clarity in times of uncertainty. However, even as we are moved by these messages, it's essential to remember that our spiritual journey is not meant to be solitary.

Seeking Confirmation:

Seeking confirmation involves reaching out to trusted spiritual sources, mentors, or leaders within our faith community. It's an act of humility and wisdom, recognizing that we are not infallible in our interpretation of divine messages. This practice aligns with the biblical principle of seeking counsel, found in Proverbs 11:14,

which states, *"Where there is no guidance, a people falls, but in an abundance of counselors, there is safety."*

Why Seek Confirmation?

- **Clarity and Assurance:** Confirming prophetic messages through trusted sources can provide clarity and assurance. It allows us to better understand the message's relevance to our unique circumstances.
- **Avoiding Misinterpretation:** Prophetic sayings can be nuanced, and our personal biases may influence our understanding. Seeking confirmation helps us avoid misinterpretation.
- **Community Wisdom:** Our faith communities are often filled with individuals who have walked similar paths and can offer valuable insights. Their collective wisdom can guide us.
- **Accountability:** Seeking confirmation keeps us accountable. It ensures that we don't act impulsively or make decisions solely based on personal interpretations.

Encouraging the Practice:

As we navigate our spiritual journeys, let us encourage the practice of seeking confirmation and counsel. Embrace a spirit of openness and humility, recognizing that the pursuit of divine guidance is a collective endeavor. Here's how we can promote this practice:

- **Mentoring and Discipleship:** Promote mentoring relationships within your faith community where individuals can seek guidance from experienced mentors.

- **Group Discussions:** Create spaces for group discussions where prophetic messages and personal revelations can be shared and collectively discerned.

- **Accountability Partners:** Encourage the formation of accountability partnerships where individuals can regularly seek confirmation from one another.

- **Teach Discernment:** Teach the art of discernment, emphasizing the importance of seeking confirmation as a step in the process.

In the journey of faith, prophetic sayings can provide profound guidance and encouragement. However, let us not forget the wisdom of seeking confirmation and counsel from trusted spiritual sources. Doing so adds layers of assurance and keeps us aligned with the larger community of believers. As we navigate the spiritual terrain together, our collective wisdom and discernment become powerful tools in our pursuit of divine guidance and purpose.

CHAPTER *12*

RESPONDING TO PROPHECY WITH FAITH AND SUBMISSION



Introduction: In the realm of spirituality, prophecy holds a unique and awe-inspiring place. The reception of prophetic sayings, whether in the form of divine messages, dreams, or insights, has been a source of guidance, inspiration, and revelation throughout history. However, the power of prophecy doesn't rest solely in the messages received; it equally depends on how individuals respond to these profound revelations. In this discussion, we will explore the concept of responding to prophecy

with faith and submission, recognizing that prophecy requires a thoughtful, reverent, and obedient response.

Understanding Prophecy and Its Significance: Before delving into the response to prophecy, it's crucial to comprehend what prophecy entails:

- **Definition of Prophecy:** Prophecy is the transmission of messages, insights, or divine revelations from a higher source to individuals or communities.
- **Biblical and Historical Relevance:** Prophecy has played a pivotal role in guiding nations, individuals, and religious movements throughout history, from the prophets of the Old Testament to modern-day spiritual leaders.

The Response of Faith:

- **Faith in the Source:** Recognize that responding to prophecy begins with faith in the divine source from which the prophecy emanates. It requires a deep belief in the authenticity and trustworthiness of the message.
- **Faith in the Message:** Trust that the prophetic message holds wisdom, truth, and relevance. Faith fuels your willingness to heed the guidance offered.

The Response of Submission:

- **Submission to Divine Will:** Prophecy often conveys God's will or divine guidance. Responding to prophecy involves surrendering your own will to align with God's purpose.
- **Submission to Transformation:** Understand that prophecy may call for personal growth, change, or transformation. Embrace this process with humility and readiness.

Reverence in Response:

- **Recognizing the Sacred:** Approach prophecy with reverence, acknowledging the sacred nature of the message and its potential impact on your life.
- **Listening and Reflecting:** Take the time to carefully listen, reflect upon, and discern the prophetic message. Seek guidance through prayer, meditation, and consultation with spiritual mentors or guides.

Obedience as a Vital Component:

- **Acting in Alignment:** Genuine response to prophecy involves obedient action. It means living in accordance with the message received, even if it challenges your comfort zone or existing beliefs.
- **Trust and Follow:** Trust that God's guidance, as conveyed through prophecy, is for your ultimate good. Follow through with actions that reflect your trust.

The Role of Discernment:

- **Testing the Prophecy:** Just as scripture advises us to "test the spirits" (1 John 4:1), exercise discernment in evaluating the authenticity of the prophetic message. Seek guidance if needed to ensure you're responding to a true prophecy.

Conclusion: Responding to prophecy is a profound journey of faith, submission, reverence, and obedience. It's an acknowledgment that the divine has communicated with you, offering insights and guidance for your life's path. Whether the prophecy comes in the form of a dream, a word, or an inner knowing, let your response be one of trust, humility, and a deep desire to align your life with the divine will. In doing so, you embark on a transformative journey that can lead to personal

growth, spiritual fulfillment, and a life guided by the wisdom of the divine.

Embracing the Prophetic Journey in conclusion, prophetic sayings and utterances are a rich and integral part of the spiritual experience. They offer divine guidance, comfort, and direction in our journey of faith. As we seek to discern true prophetic words, align them with Scripture, and respond with faith, we can embrace the profound impact of the prophetic realm on our lives and the lives of those around us.

The best version of you can be discovered when you decide to seek God, embrace the truth about His word concerning you, discover who you are in Him and pursue it, then success is yours as you work hard with patience and perseverance.

FINAL WORD

Decision Time

If you have not given your life to Jesus, do it today; because, freedom comes by knowing Christ and walking with Him alone.

Say this prayer with faith in your heart:

Lord Jesus I come to You today, Forgive me my sins, have mercy on me.

I believe You died for me and rose up on the third day, and now seated at the right hand of the Father. Lord Jesus, come into my heart and life.

I receive you now as my Lord and Saviour.

Thank You for accepting me. Amen.

This simple prayer, if you said it from your heart truly, is all you need do to enter into salvation, become born again, and begin to enjoy God's liberty.

Understand also that you need God in your daily walk in faith. Decide to serve Him today.

Decide to live for Jesus Christ alone. I have made this same decision to be for Christ Jesus alone.

God bless you for taking the decision to be saved and live the Christian life.

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God bless you richly in Jesus' name. Amen!

PRAYER POINTS

Pray for 30 days and if possible add fasting.

Bible Text: Psalms 92:10, 2 Corinthians 4:16, Isaiah 10:27, Luke 4:18.

1. Oh Lord, thank You for the gift of the Holy Ghost, the source of Godly power.
2. Let your mercy prevail Oh Lord over every form of judgment over my life and destiny in Jesus name.
3. Oh God, cleanse me from all uncleanness and make me pure in Jesus name.
4. I receive the ability to be in right standing and to be friends with the Holy Spirit every second of my life in the name of Jesus.
5. Oh God, arise and provide me with divine direction and infinite wisdom today in the name of Jesus.
6. Oh God in heaven, arise and be my guider always in the name of Jesus.
7. Every evil spirit of ignorance and backwardness that the devil wants to inflict me die by fire in Jesus name.
8. I rebuke every form of negativity in my heart by the blood of Jesus in the mighty name of Jesus Christ.
9. I refuse to grieve the Holy Spirit concerning my daily affairs in Jesus name.
10. Oh Lord, empower me with the Spirit of holiness and purity of heart in Jesus name.
11. Father, deal with every Spirit of disobedience, rejection and anger in my life in Jesus name.
12. My God, help me to obey your Spirit in me always in Jesus name.
13. Help me Oh God to recognize and obey You always in Jesus name.

14. Let every strange spirit living inside me flee from me now by fire in Jesus mighty name.
15. Oh Lord, let Your Holy Spirit take full charge of all aspects of my life in Jesus name.
16. I refuse to shun out the Holy Spirit in my life the name of Jesus.
17. Oh Lord, like the blood in my veins, let your mighty power flow through me to my bloodline in Jesus name.
18. Oh Lord, let the fire of the Holy Ghost burn steadily upon my prayer altar daily in the name of Jesus.
19. Dear Holy Ghost, let your fire consume every impurity in me in Jesus mighty name
20. Oh Lord, endue me fresh anointing in Jesus name
21. Oh God, anoint me with fresh fire like never before in Jesus.
22. I destroy every power that is defying God's anointing in my life in Jesus name.
23. Fresh anointing from above to do exploits, envelop me now in Jesus name.
24. Anointing for greater exploits, my life is available, enter now by fire in Jesus name.
25. By your unfailing mercy oh Lord, increase my anointing and give me the grace to maintain the anointing till Jesus comes in Jesus mighty name.
26. Oh Lord, by your fire, subdue the enemy of your anointing upon my life in Jesus mighty name.
27. Oh God, You are the consuming fire. Consume with your unquenchable fire every power of darkness standing against your anointing on my life in Jesus name.
28. Oh Lord, baptize me with your power and fire in Jesus name.
29. Let the fire of God's anointing fall on me now and never run dry in Jesus name.

30. Oh God, destroy every spirit of stagnation preventing me from receiving fresh anointing in Jesus name.
31. My father, let everything You have not planted in my life be uprooted by fire in the name of Jesus.
32. Every yoke of limitations in my life, die by fire in Jesus name.
33. I break every yoke of bondage and barrenness in my life by the fire of the Holy Ghost in Jesus name.
34. I destroyed completely evil embargo over my life and destiny in Jesus mighty name.
35. I command fresh anointing to rest upon my life as from today in Jesus mighty name.
36. Let the fire of the Holy Ghost consume every power from my father's house, mother's house, in-laws place waging war over my life and destiny in Jesus.
37. Every power that wants to strip me naked of God's anointing, die by fire.
38. I am a carrier of God's anointing, therefore, evil is far from my habitation in Jesus name.
39. Every evil hand that touched me for evil, die by fire in Jesus name.
40. Oh Lord my God. Preserve me by your grace and mercy all the days of my life in Jesus name.
41. My father, protect my family and I in You in Jesus name.
42. Oh God, deliver me from every inherited bondage in Jesus name.
43. I break every evil yoke passed to me by my ancestors in Jesus name.
44. I break to pieces every inherited evil yokes in Jesus name.
45. Oh God arise and destroy every evil inherited covenant working against my life and destiny in Jesus name.
46. I separate my bloodline from evil inheritance in the name of Jesus.

47. Thank You Lord for answers to my prayers in Jesus
mighty name. Amen
Hallelujah!

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