

Success through Faithfulness

What is success? Because we use the word so regularly, the true meaning is often assumed or ambiguous. Most people desire success; however, success may be elusive without a proper definition. We must know what we are working toward in order to obtain it.

There are many definitions of success. In fact, there may be as many definitions as there are people. Everyone defines success differently, depending on individual circumstances and goals. For example, success for one may be passing the class, while success for another may be getting an A in the class. You can see why definitions are so important.



Success from a Worldly Perspective

As Christians, we ought to think critically about what culture is telling us and how it compares to what God tells us in His Word. The biblical view of success varies widely from the worldly view of success. According to Merriam Webster Dictionary, success is “the fact of getting or achieving wealth, respect, or fame,” or “the correct or desired result of an attempt.”¹ By the world’s standards, success or failure is measured by outcomes. Unfortunately, many see these measures in terms of wealth, status, and power.

Success from a Biblical Perspective

The Bible defines success in terms of faithfulness. Successful people are those who obey God and use their gifts He has given wisely. Take for example the Parable of the Talents in Matthew 25. Each servant is given a different amount of money or resources. The Master praises equally the servants who invest their talents and gain a return, despite the fact that they earned different amounts. Yet, the Master punishes the servant who hides the talent instead of using it. As you can see, God does not judge us based upon specific outcomes, but on our faithfulness to His call.

Resources for Success

Regent’s faculty and staff want to encourage our students to be faithful to God in all things, including academics. In addition to [these strategies](#), we pray the following resources will foster your success.

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¹ <http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/success>