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Christ's Formula For Success

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Subject tonight: America's favorite fetish---success!!! (object with mystic powers.)

What is success American style? Wealth, fame, achievement, power, accumulations or prestige?

WEBSTER: "the favorable or prosperous termination of attempts or endeavors. The attainment of wealth, position, honors etc. Favorable outcome."

Question: Is success Heaven-style the same as success American-style? Human-style?


SOME FURTHER DEFINITIONS:

ANDREW CARNEGIE: "My definition of success is this: The power with which to acquire whatever one demands out of life, without violating the rights of others." (Montepert, p. 316)

CHINEESE ADAGE: If you wish to succeed, consult three old people. (Age, experience, wisdom)

ROY L. SMITH: Success is not measured by the money earned, but by the service rendered.

HENRY MARTIN FIELD: "Everyone finds out, sooner or later, that all success worth having is founded on Christian rules of conduct." Mead-429

BETTER TO have failed in the high aim, as I, than vulgarly, in the low aim, succeed, as; God be thanked, I do not." Robt. Browning.

H. G. WELLS: Success is to be measured not by wealth, power or fame, but by the ratio between what a man is and what he might be.

BILL KRISHER: "What do we mean by success anyway? Success by whose standards? The Bible teaches that God is the final Judge before whom we shall all stand one day. God will then proclaim successful or unsuccessful." Mead-430.
I. TONIGHT'S STUDY: CHRIST'S FORMULEA FOR SUCCESS


Deduction: To succeed Christ's way - the only way.

A. IS SUCCESS -- WEALTH WITH JESUS?

   b. What was he doing with it? ?????
   c. Did he feel he already had everything? Apparently! Stunned! Disappointed.

B. IS SUCCESS -- POWER AND FAME WITH JESUS?


   a. History: Herodias (Phillip's wife) was jealous of King Herod Agrippa and sent Antipas to Rome to get a higher rank than Tetrarch. Banished to Spain.

   b. Apparently! Stunned! Disappointed.


C. IS SUCCESS -- POSITION & PRESTIGE -- JESUS??

1. Pilate the Governor had these. L. 23:14.

   a. Tried Jesus and pronounced Him innocent. Weakened: Scourged, condemned, crucified. Later: Accused of malfeasance in Samaria, arrested, tried, banished to Spain?

   b.Apparently! Stunned! Disappointed.

   c. VIENNA or LAKE LUCERNE? Suicide & wife.

D. SUCCESS IS: NOT THINGS.


INV. WHAT CONSTITUTES SUCCESS??????

"He has achieved success who has LIVED WELL. LAUGHED OFTEN, and LOVED MUCH. Who has gained the respect of intelligent men and the love of little children; who has filled his niche and accomplished his task; who has left the world better than he found it, whether by an improved poppy, a perfect poem or a rescued soul; who has never lacked appreciation of earth's beauty, or failed to express it; who has always looked for the best in others and given the best he had; whose life was an inspiration; and whose memory is a benediction."
OUT OF THIS LIFE  Edgar A Guest

Out of this life I shall never take
Things of silver and gold I make.

All that I cherish and hoard away
After I leave, on the earth must stay.

Though I have toiled for a painting rare
To hang on my wall, I must leave it there.

Though I call it mine and I boast its worth
I must give it up when I quit this earth.

All that I gather and all that I keep,
I must leave behind when I fall asleep.

And I wonder often what I shall own
In that other life, when I pass along.

What shall they find and what shall they see
In the soul that answers the call for me?

Shall the great Judge learn, when my task
Is through
That the spirit had gathered some riches too?

Or, shall at the last it be mine to find
That all I had worked for--I'd left behind!!

Knt. II. P. 569.

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TRIBUTE TO JOHN POUNDS  (over)
There is a marble tablet encased in the inside wall of Plymouth's High Street Chapel---A TRIBUTE TO JOHN POUNDS.

Erected by Friends
As a Memorial of their esteem and respect for
JOHN POUNDS
Who, while earning his livelihood
By mending shoes, gratuitously educated
And, in part, clothed and fed
Some hundreds of Poor Children
He died suddenly
On Jan. 1, 1839
Age 72 years

"Thou shalt be blessed:----
For they cannot recompense thee."
Knt. II, p. 572.

SUCCESS IS GETTING THE MESSAGE THROUGH.

Derrick Belfall. World War II days -London.
14 yrs. of age. Ad in paper for 16 yr. olds.
Needed to Carry Air Raid Protection Office messages.

Derrick begged till given the post.

Did well: Always reported: "Derrick Belfall reporting. Message delivered!!"

One day enroute during blitz: Stopped to help dig a baby out of debris. Caved in on him. Hopless situation.

Last message heard under brick and timbers:

"Derrick Belfall---tell them: Message Delivered."
Int. II. P. 198.

Paul delivered Jesus.
message too!