

## HOW TO BE SUCCESSFUL (Part 3 of 3)

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**TEXT: Ephesians 5:15-17 Wise men redeem the Time**

### **10. Don't Procrastinate....Do it Now ..... Eph. 5:16**

Some fools are quick to rush headlong, where angels fear to tread. Even too much gas into the carburetor, can cause the motor to stall. Patience, Patience, Patience!! To claim patience when action is demanded is disobedience. Delayed obedience is disobedience. Do not squander time, for that is what life is made from. When you waste time, you waste life; when you waste life, you waste yourself. (God despises laziness.

**Proverbs 13:4)** Shunning away from what has to be done, is the biggest thief of time. Success will never knock at the home where procrastination lives. The successful person must faithfully do what needs to be done, whether he likes to do it or not. The road to misery and failure are paved with good intentions. There are two ways to get to the top of an oak tree; climb it or set on an acorn. Wishing for something will not bring it to you; but the act of doing the right thing the right way will bring you to it. Do not hope for a brighter tomorrow; do something to make it brighter today. Your future is being determined by your obedience to God today.

### **11. Adversities are God's stepping stones to success.....**

.....**Rom. 5:3, James 1:12**

Problems are unsolved opportunities. Remember, every problem has a solution and a problem once solved is no longer a problem. What happens to you is not as important as your response. Problems become stumbling blocks or stepping stones; it depend on your attitude towards them. You are measured in the eyes of your fellowman by your ability to stand up to adversity. (No man is given more temptations than he has the ability and strength to overcome; **if he looks for the way out that God has made. 1 Cor.10:13**) To be knocked down is not defeat, but to stay down is defeat. Adversities, obstacles, and problems are opportunities given by the Lord to help you grow.

### **12. Runaway emotions is a life jumping out of gear.....**

.....**1 John 4:18, 11 Tim. 1:7**

The greater number of dissatisfied, insecure, and fruitless lives stem from a lack of self-discipline and God-discipline. (Uncontrolled emotions result only from a mind not submitted to the power of the Holy Spirit. **Rom. 12:1-2**). It is poor reasoning to lose your head when you are in most need of it. **When you throw mud, you lose ground.**

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