

## **UPGRADE**

(3) *How To Be Successful*

**GOD'S WAY...** for me to be **SUCCESSFUL...**

**READ MY BIBLE... DO WHAT IT SAYS!**

**James 1:22...**

Do not merely **LISTEN** to **the word**, and so deceive yourselves. **DO what it says.**

**THREE THINGS** you gotta **KNOW** about being **SUCCESSFUL...**

### **1. GOD WANTS ME... TO BE SUCCESSFUL!**

**1 Kings 2:1-4...**

When the time drew near for David to die, he gave a charge to Solomon his son. "I am about to go the way of all the earth," he said. "So be strong, **act like a man**, observe what the Lord **YOUR** God requires:

**YOU WANT SUCCESS IN YOUR LIFE...?**

**THEN IT'S TIME STEP UP... AND HAVE YOUR OWN... RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD!**

Walk in **obedience** to **HIM**, and keep **HIS decrees and commands, HIS laws and regulations**, as written in the **Law of Moses**. Do **this** so that you may **prosper in all you do and wherever you go...**

...that the Lord may keep his promise to me: 'If your descendants watch how they live, and if they walk faithfully before me with **ALL** their **heart and soul**, you will **never fail** to have a successor on the throne of Israel.'

**Joshua 1:8...**

Keep this **Book of the Law** always on your lips; **meditate on it day and night**, so that you may be **careful to do everything written in it**. Then you will be **prosperous and SUCCESSFUL**.

### **2. SUCCESS COMES FROM... FOLLOWING HIS INSTRUCTIONS!**

**Deuteronomy 17:14-20...**

When you enter the land the Lord your God is giving you and have taken possession of it and settled in it, and you say, "Let us set a king over us like all the nations around us," 15 be sure to appoint over you a king the Lord your God chooses. He must be from among your fellow Israelites. Do not place a foreigner over you, one who is not an Israelite.

16 The king, moreover, (1) **must not acquire great numbers of horses for himself or make the people return to Egypt to get more of them**, for the Lord has told you, "You are not to go back that way again." 17 (2) **He must not take many wives, or his heart will be led astray.** (3) **He must not accumulate large amounts of silver and gold.** 18 When he takes the throne of his kingdom, he is to write for himself on a scroll a **copy of this law**, taken from that of the Levitical priests. 19 It is to be with him, and he is to **read it all the days of his life** so that he may **learn to revere the Lord HIS God and follow carefully ALL the words of this law and these decrees** 20 and not consider himself better than his fellow Israelites and turn from the law to the right or to the left. Then he and his descendants will reign a long time over his kingdom in Israel.

**YOU CAN BE AS CLOSE TO GOD... AS YOU WANNA BE!!**

**2 Timothy 3:16-17...**

**All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, 17 so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.**

**THE BIBLE... IS "THE" SOLE... AUTHORITATIVE...  
INSTRUCTION MANUAL... FOR A SUCCESSFUL LIFE!**

**3. NOT FOLLOWING HIS INSTRUCTION... LEADS TO DESTRUCTION!**

**1 Kings 10:14-15...**

**The weight of the gold that Solomon received yearly was 666 talents, not including the revenues from merchants and traders and from all the Arabian kings and the governors of the territories.**

**1 Kings 10:26-29...**

**Solomon accumulated chariots and horses; he had fourteen hundred chariots and twelve thousand horses, which he kept in the chariot cities and also with him in Jerusalem. 27 The king made silver as common in Jerusalem as stones, and cedar as plentiful as sycamore - fig trees in the foothills. 28 Solomon's horses were imported from Egypt and from Kue - the royal merchants purchased them from Kue at the current price. 29 They imported a chariot from Egypt for six hundred shekels of silver, and a horse for a hundred and fifty. They also exported them to all the kings of the Hittites and of the Arameans.**

**1 Kings 11:1-4...**

**King Solomon, however, loved many foreign women besides Pharaoh's daughter - Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Sidonians and Hittites. 2 They were from nations about which the Lord had told the Israelites, "You must not intermarry with them, because they will surely turn your hearts after their gods." Nevertheless, Solomon held fast to them in love. 3 He had seven hundred wives of royal birth and three hundred concubines, and his wives led him astray. 4 As Solomon grew old, his wives turned his heart after other gods, and his heart was not fully devoted to the Lord his God, as the heart of David his father had been.**

**1 Kings 11:9-11...**

**The Lord became angry with Solomon because his heart had turned away from the Lord, the God of Israel, who had appeared to him twice. 10 Although he had forbidden Solomon to follow other gods, Solomon did not keep the Lord's command. 11 So the Lord said to Solomon, "Since this is your attitude and you have not kept my covenant and my decrees, which I commanded you, I will most certainly tear the kingdom away from you and give it to one of your subordinates.**

**IT ALL FELL APART FOR SOLOMON... AND HERE'S WHY...?**

**SOLOMON DIDN'T READ HIS BIBLE... AND DO WHAT IT SAID!**