Recipe for Success

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Causes of success

1. Gods favor.

The chief jailer did not supervise anything under Joseph's charge because the LORD was with him; and whatever he did, the LORD made to prosper. Genesis 39:23 (NASB)

Not all success come from God

Righteous are You, O LORD, that I would plead my case with You; Indeed I would discuss matters of justice with You: Why has the way of the wicked prospered? Why are all those who deal in treachery at ease?

Jeremiah 12:1 (NASB)

How do I get God's favor? I believe you just ask

Do not let kindness and truth leave you; Bind them around your neck, Write them on the tablet of your heart. ⁴ So you will find favor and good repute In the sight of God and man.

Proverbs 3:3-4 (NASB)

1. Find <u>God!</u>

"For he who finds me finds life And obtains favor from the LORD. Proverbs 8:35 (NASB)

I sought Your favor with all my heart; Be gracious to me according to Your word. Psalm 119:58 (NASB)

2. Advisers.

Without consultation, plans are frustrated, But with many counselors they succeed. Proverbs 15:22 (NASB)

The dangers of success

1. <u>Pride</u>.

In Jerusalem he made engines of war invented by skillful men to be on the towers and on the corners for the purpose of shooting arrows and great stones. Hence his fame spread afar, for he was marvelously helped until he was strong.

2 Chronicles 26:15 (NASB)

This is how his rule began...

And all the people of Judah took Uzziah, who was sixteen years old, and made him king in the place of his father Amaziah. ² He built Eloth and restored it to Judah after the king slept with his fathers.

³ Uzziah was sixteen years old when he became king, and he reigned fifty-two years in Jerusalem; and his mother's name was Jechiliah of Jerusalem. ⁴ He did right in the sight of the LORD according to all that his father Amaziah had done. ⁵ He continued to seek God in the days of Zechariah, who had understanding through the vision of God; and as long as he sought the LORD, God prospered him.

2 Chronicles 26:1-5 (NASB)

Everyone who is proud in heart is an abomination to the LORD; Assuredly, he will not be unpunished. Proverbs 16:5 (NASB)

2. Forgetting God

"You neglected the Rock who begot you, And forgot the God who gave you birth.

Deuteronomy 32:18 (NASB)

3. Lack of thankfulness.

For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks, but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

Romans 1:21 (NASB)

Do you want success in building you life, raising your children, career, house or business.

Commit your works to the LORD And your plans will be established. Proverbs 16:3 (NASB)