

Should A Christian Be Successful?

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What Does Success Mean To You?

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3. Going on a journey.

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4. Reaching your maximum potential at any moment.

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7. Power

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- Sowing seeds that benefit others.

*“Blessed is the one who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers! But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on His law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season, and whose leaf does not wither. **Whatever he does prospers.**”*
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