



Seeing Success as God Sees (Philippians 3:2-16)

Eyes on the Eternal- May 25, 2025

How does the world define success?

How do I define success?

How does God define success?

while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal. *2 Corinthians 4:18 NKJV*

The world views success as being the best you can be

For we are the circumcision, who worship God in the Spirit, rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh, *Philippians 3:3 NKJV*

though I also might have confidence in the flesh. If anyone else thinks he may have confidence in the flesh, I more so: *Philippians 3:4 NKJV*

circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of the Hebrews; concerning the law, a Pharisee; *Philippians 3:5 NKJV*

concerning zeal, persecuting the church; concerning the righteousness, which is in the law, blameless. *Philippians 3:6 NKJV*

God views success as knowing Jesus & walking with Him

But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ. *Philippians 3:7 NKJV*

Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ *Philippians 3:8 NKJV*

and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith; *Philippians 3:9 NKJV*

that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, *Philippians 3:10 NKJV*

if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead. *Philippians 3:11 NKJV*

Christ calls us to press toward God's definition of success

Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. *Philippians 3:12 NKJV*

Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, *Philippians 3:13 NKJV*

I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. *Philippians 3:14 NKJV*

Therefore let us, as many as are mature, have this mind; and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal even this to you. *Philippians 3:15 NKJV*

Nevertheless, to the degree that we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us be of the same mind. *Philippians 3:16 NKJV*

For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ: *Philippians 3:18 NKJV*

whose end is destruction, whose god is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame—who set their mind on earthly things. *Philippians 3:19 NKJV*

For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, *Philippians 3:20 NKJV*

This week's OWNit365 New Testament Plus Plan:

May 25– 1 Cor 1, Family Focus - 1 Cor 1:18-25

May 26– Psa 69, Family Focus – Psa 69:7-14

May 27– Reflection & Prayer

May 28– 1 Cor 2, Family Focus – 1 Cor 2:10-16

May 29– 1 Cor 3, Family Focus – 1 Cor 3:11-23
May 30– 1 Cor 4, Family Focus – 1 Cor 4:1-4
May 31– 1 Cor 5, Family Focus – 1 Cor 5:6-8

May 25

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NURSERY

GOD MADE ANIMALS

In this series, we focus in on Day 5 and 6 of creation, the days where God made the animals! We learn that God made every animal no matter where they may live on the earth.

Memory Verse: God made the animals. Genesis 1:25 (adapted for toddlers)

Heart of the Lesson: God made the creatures of the sea

Parent Connect: Parent Connect: Today we learned God made creatures of the sea! Make your own ocean bottle using a water bottle, water, blue food dye and baby oil! Use the QR code for a video with directions.

https://youtu.be/xy7bJE9f2ZY?si=tThG0DoSb_nHv2z

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PENTECOST, PETER AND PAUL

In this series we will learn about the miracle of Pentecost and the journeys of Peter and Paul as they travel to tell everyone about Jesus! Peter and Paul both experienced different journeys and different ways that they could tell others about Jesus!

Memory Verse: Mark 16:15 "And then He told them, 'Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone.'"

Heart of the Lesson: Paul in Paphos, Antioch and Lystra | Acts 13:4-52, Acts 14:8-20

Parent Connect: Today we learned about Paul and Barnabas traveling to tell people about Jesus! Grab some chalk and go outside with your kid. Draw different islands or shapes that you can jump to and pretend to be like Paul and Barnabas telling people about Jesus!

ELEMENTARY

DESCENDANTS

EXPLORING OUR CONNECTION TO ABRAHAM



"Descendants" explores our connection to Abraham, revealing how Christians are part of his spiritual family. Through engaging stories and lessons, kids will discover the power of God's promises and learn how He faithfully keeps them. Join us as we journey through faith and uncover our incredible heritage as descendants of Abraham.

Memory Verse: Genesis 26:4 "I will cause your descendants to become as numerous as the stars of the sky, and I will give them all these lands. And through your descendants all the nations of the earth will be blessed."

Heart of the Lesson: God Points to Future Promises | Genesis 22

Parent Connect: Look at the verse John 3:16. Walk through what this verse is promising us as believers of Jesus. God gives us so many promises to look forward to. Look through your Bible and see if you can find some more!

We are always looking around us. We can't help it. We see our lives and the lives of our friends and family around us. We know how our parents see us, how our teachers see us and how we see others. We don't often stop to look at how God sees us, sees our family, see our resources or success. We also don't always view these things in light of eternity. This month we will challenge ourselves to see things the way that God sees them as we keep our Eyes on the Eternal.

Memory Verse: "My thoughts are nothing like your thoughts," says the LORD. And my ways are far beyond anything you could imagine." Isaiah 55:8

Heart of the Lesson: Seeing Success as God Sees Our Success – God sees success differently than the world does (Matthew 25:31-46, John 8:50-51, Matthew 6:33)

Parent Connect: Take a moment as a family to list down the successes you've had, awards you've gotten, how good your student or you were in sports, great grades, and even consider the successes of grandparents or extended family members. Then make a list of what Jesus would consider success in your family (ideas include: inviting your neighbors to church, prayer walks in your neighborhood, giving your life to Jesus, being generous in your life, trusting Him, being Christ-like in school, the connect-grow-go path, etc.) We aren't saying that these things make you a more successful person or that works get you into heaven, but rather that the outward expression of your relationship with Jesus is where our focus should be and not on personal success. Pray as a family that when you are getting good grades in school that you are reflecting Christ, that while you are scoring great goals that you pray over your teammates, that while you are winning a kindness award that people know that the reason for the award comes from the outflow of a heart that wants to follow Jesus.

If we want to see the world the way God sees it, we need to understand God's eternal perspective! We can understand God's perspective on things that are important to us by looking at what God's Word, the Bible says. This series, we're learning to have our eyes on the eternal things by taking time to understand how God sees the things in our own lives!

Memory Verse: "Think about things that are in heaven. Don't think about things that are only on earth. (Colossians 3:2 NIRV)