

## PERSONAL DISCIPLINE

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But the path of the just is like the shining sun, that shines ever brighter unto the perfect day. Prov 4:18 NKJV

God promises success, that life gets better and better and better, for those who know and faithfully obey His commands. Since Proverbs was written under the Old Covenant, 'the just' here can be defined as those who know and practice day after day His commands. God is almighty, and is perfectly able to bring His will to pass regardless of the world around us. Therefore, the responsibility for our personal success falls right where it belongs...on our shoulders. What 'makes or breaks' us, once we know the will of God, is our personal discipline to choose to do what is best in each given situation.

But I discipline my body and bring it into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified. 1 Cor 9:27 NKJV

The Lord will not compromise His will. He will disqualify those who fail to exercise personal discipline to do what is right. He disqualified the great man of God Moses from entering the promised land because he failed to declare the truth about the Messiah to the nation of Israel. He disqualified Samson because he failed to keep his mouth shut. The Lord disqualified the great King Saul, the best man Israel had at the time, because, regarding the Amalekites, he allowed himself to be swayed from the will of God by others. We frustrate God's destiny for us when we fail to faithfully choose what is best in our lives.

It is of the LORD's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness. Lam 3:22-23 KJV

Thankfully, He is faithful in mercy to forgive us, and to give us more opportunities to get it right. The Lord seeks to prepare us, that we might be more than conquerors, for every situation that will arise in our lives and ministries. What the world calls 'good luck' is really when preparation meets opportunity. But doors open and close, and opportunities to achieve success are lost because we failed to follow His preparation. This is what grieves the Holy Spirit...

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. Phil 4:13 NKJV

CARPE DIEM ( seize the day! )! Resolve to get the most out of every day that you live. Push yourself to speak in tongues throughout the day for hours, regardless of what people say or do. Meditate on the words of God. In everything, give thanks! Resolve to rejoice, regardless of your emotions or what is happening around you. Choose to love ( and forgive ) everybody, regardless of how they treat you. Push to fulfill your destiny, and be willing to die rather than accept failure. You won't...because God promises success to those who faithfully follow Him!

Remember dear ones, we must be about our Father's business...