God's way for me to be Successful is simply for me to read my Bible and do what it says!

• God is trying to show us who He is and what He has for our lives.

1. God wants for me to be successful.

1 Kings 2:1-4; Joshua 1:8

2. Success comes from <u>following</u> His instructions.

Deuteronomy 17:14-20; 2 Timothy 3:16-17

• God is not after your behavior, He is after your heart.

Four things the Bible says about itself

- It Teaches
- It Rebukes
- It Corrects
- It Trains

How to read your Bible:

- 1. Pick a time and place.
- 2. Get a Bible you can understand—NLT, NIV, ESV.
- 3. Get a pen and journal.
- 4. Get a reading plan (see the back).
- 5. Establish accountability—get a partner(s).
- 6. Get a note pad—write down distracted thoughts.

3. Not following His instructions leads to destruction.

1 Kings 10:14, 11:1-4,9; Ecclesiastes 1:1-3; 12:13

Food for thought

For the week of August 3, 2014

Turn a message into a conversation. Consider joining with a friend to review the message and dig deeper into God's word through the following questions.

God says success is found by reading the Bible and doing what it says.

If you could be successful in any area of life, what would it be?

Who is someone you would consider successful? What made that person successful?

How do we typically determine whether a person is successful or not?

Success can be defined in many different ways. We don't always think of success in a spiritual or biblical sense, but God does want us to be successful. His way for us to be successful is simply to read His Word and do what it says. READ 1 KINGS 2:1-4.

What did David tell his son about how to be a man? What results would come if Solomon did as his father said?

Why is it important for us to each have our own relationship with God?

Jeff said, "God is not after our behavior, but He's after our heart". What does that mean to you?

READ 2 TIMOTHY 3:16-17.

Have you ever experienced success by following God's instructions for you? What happened?

Why does Paul tell us to read God's Word, in verse 17? Why do we need to be equipped?

What do you do, or what can you do, to make sure you are reading God's Word on a regular basis?

For those of us who really struggle to believe that God wants us to succeed, how can we change our mindset from "God is out to get me" to "God wants me to succeed"?

21-DAY READING PLAN

- O DAY 1 JOHN 1:1-51
- O DAY 2 JOHN 2:1-25
- O DAY 3 JOHN 3:1-36
- O DAY 4 JOHN 4:1-54
- O DAY 5 JOHN 5:1-47
- O DAY 6 JOHN 6:1-71
- O DAY 7 JOHN 7:1-52
- O DAY 8 JOHN 8:1-59
- O DAY 9 JOHN 9:1-41
- O DAY 10 JOHN 10:1-42
- O DAY 11 JOHN 11:1-57
- O DAY 12 JOHN 12:1-50
- O DAY 13 JOHN 13:1-38
- O DAY 14 JOHN 14:1-31
- O DAY 15 JOHN 15:1-27
- O DAY 16 JOHN 16:1-33
- O DAY 17 JOHN 17:1-26
- O DAY 18 JOHN 18:1-40
- O DAY 19 JOHN 19:1-42
- O DAY 20 JOHN 20:1-31
- O DAY 21 JOHN 21:1-25