



SUCCESS



WORD OF THE WEEK

MARK 9: 33-35

They came to Capernaum, and after going indoors Jesus asked his disciples, "What were you arguing about on the road?" But they would not answer him, because on the road they had been arguing among themselves about who was the greatest. Jesus sat down, called the twelve disciples, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must place himself last of all and be the servant of all."



PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Father, You have uniquely created me for greatness. May I not diminish my own self worth by comparing myself to others; because they can never be me and I cannot be them. Help me to always love others, not put them down to gain success for myself, but love and support them. Help me not to be consumed with jealousy and envy. Help me to always use my energies to seek Your will for my life. You have fearfully and wonderfully made me and the plans you have for me are good. Help me to see every success in my life, not just the academic successes, but the successes in my friendships and love for others, the time I have given to others and the helping hand I have given. Help me to always see myself as the success you have made me to be!

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.



The greatest success we'll know is helping OTHERS succeed and grow.





“We are prone to judge success by the index of our salaries or the size of our automobiles rather than by the quality of our service and relationship to mankind.”

Martin Luther King Jr

Often the world defines success as fame and fortune, always getting everything right, being the top of the class all of the time, knowing everything and being popular.

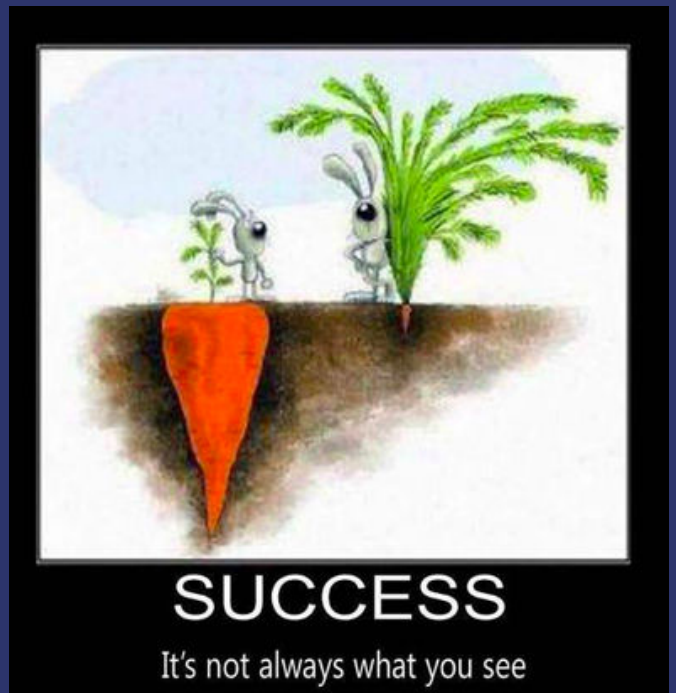
But success is very different in the eyes of God.

Through God’s eyes there is more to life than being focused only on our self, the wealth we build up, the praise we get, the grades we achieve. This week's Word of the Week introduces us to true success and today we encourage you to look back over your year and reflect on your successes, maybe ones you wouldn’t normally see or celebrate as a success.

PATHWAY TO SUCCESS: FAILURE!?

It sounds backwards, but hear me out. Michael Jordan didn’t make his high school basketball team. J.K. Rowling had one of her first drafts for a book rejected by 12 different publishers. Thomas Edison (creator of the light bulb) lost one of his first jobs for being “unproductive” and attempted to build one of his inventions for years with 1000 unsuccessful tries.

The reason though, that today we know about MJ, Harry Potter and light bulbs, is because these people never gave up. They took their losses and came back stronger, eventually breaking through and changing the world because of it. They failed to succeed, but instead of their final result being failure when they were trying to succeed, they failed IN ORDER TO succeed.

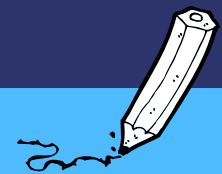


Success is different for everyone-**WATCH THIS** (Youtube: Focus On Yourself And Not Others).

Would you risk not winning to help another?-
WATCH THIS (Youtube-Jonny Brownlee Helped over Finish Line by Brother Alistair)

Some things you might consider when thinking about living a successful life-
WATCH THIS (Youtube- Matthew West-Do Something)

TAKE A MOMENT



Take a moment to think about your answers to these questions or grab a piece of paper and pen or your journal and take time to answer them.

- How have you loved well this year? Can you think of one specific example?
- What is one positive thing you have learnt about yourself this year?
- What has brought joy this year?
- What 5 words would you use to describe this year? What 5 words do you want to describe next year?
- What are you most proud of this year?