



One of the most successful kings in world history was David of Israel. He led a small nation of peasants to become one of the most powerful nations on earth.

David said that the God of Israel was responsible for his success. He wrote at least 73 poems called Psalms that give God the glory for his success. The words of these Psalms have been used in worship songs for over 3000 years.

Last week we learned from scripture that God has given us three keys to be successful in reaching the goals He has for our lives. If we want the blessing of God, we need to use these three keys.

Those three keys are...

- 1. Have the right life purpose (Col. 3:17; I Cor. 10:31)**
- 2. Have the right plan (Proverbs 14:12; Proverbs 13:20)**
- 3. Have the right practices (Hebrews 12:11)**

David used all these keys to success.

- 1. He lived for God's glory.**

Psalms 3:1-3

3 Lord, how they have increased who trouble me! Many are they who rise up against me.

2 Many are they who say of me, "There is no help for him in God." Selah

**3 But You, O Lord, are a shield for me, my glory and the One who lifts up my head.
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Psalms 29:1-2

29 Give unto the Lord, O you mighty ones, Give unto the Lord glory and strength.

**2 Give unto the Lord the glory due to His name; Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
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2. He surrendered to God's plan for His life (1 Samuel 16:1-13)

3. He disciplined himself in ways that helped him fulfill God's plan for his life (1 Samuel 17:34-36)

David used these three keys to success. God blessed him and made him successful beyond his expectations.

Psalms 8

1 O Lord, our Lord, how excellent is Your name in all the earth, Who have set Your glory above the heavens!

2 Out of the mouth of babes and nursing infants You have ordained strength, Because of Your enemies, That You may silence the enemy and the avenger.

3 When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars, which You have ordained,

4 What is man that You are mindful of him, And the son of man that You visit him?

5 For You have made him a little lower than the angels, And You have crowned him with glory and honor.

**6 You have made him to have dominion over the works of
Your hands; You have put all things under his feet,
7 All sheep and oxen — Even the beasts of the field,
8 The birds of the air, And the fish of the sea That pass
through the paths of the seas.
9 O Lord, our Lord, how excellent is Your name in all the
earth!
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**Tonight, I want to dig deeper into the first key to success.
To be successful, you must have the right purpose in life.
The right purpose in life is to live for God's glory. (Col. 3:17; I
Cor. 10:31)**

What does it mean to live for God's glory?

**1. It means that the chief end of your life is to know God
and make Him known to others. (Col. 3:17)**

**It is making it your aim to cause others to look at you and
say, yes, there is a God, and He is incredible.**

**2. It means that you live your life to honor God's
reputation in all that you do. (I Cor. 10:31)**

- It means you live in a way that honors God's reputation
when you are with others and when you are alone.**
- It means you live in a way that honors God's reputation
when you are doing something significant and when you
are doing some menial task.**
- It means you live in a way that honors God's reputation
when life is going well and when life is going bad.**

**3. It means that you give God credit for your personal
successes. (James 1:17)**

4. It means that you share with others what God has done for you. (Psalm 107:2)

Psalms 107:1-2

1 Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever.

2 Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, Whom He has redeemed from the hand of the enemy,

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How does living for God's glory cause you to be successful?

- **God gives you supernatural strength.**
He gives you a divine motivation that enables you to work harder than others.
- **God gives you divine wisdom.**
He gives you knowledge and understanding that others do not have.
- **God gives you unexpected opportunities and favor.**
He opens doors for you that no man can shut.
- **God gives you power over the fear of man.**
One of the greatest enemies of your success is the fear of man. When you live to glorify God, you do not fear the opinion of others.
- **God gives you hope when circumstances are difficult.**
Part of the wisdom he gives you is the ability to see difficult circumstances from his perspective. This vision from Him gives you hope.

Why should you live for God's glory?

- **You were created for this purpose (Genesis 1:26-27)**
- **You owe God for everything you are and have (Revelation 5:12)**

- **You will receive eternal rewards (Matthew 6:19-21)**

How do you make the change to have the right life purpose?

- **Make a verbal commitment to God and to others.**
- **Begin each day in prayer renewing your commitment.**
- **Memorize scriptures that remind you of your life purpose.**
- **Dedicate everything you do to the glory of God!**