

A CALL TO APOSTOLIC SUCCESS AND ABUNDANT LIFE

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SUCCESS.

The word for success in Hebrew is "החלצה" (pronounced: hatzlacha). It is derived from the root א-ל-ב (Tz-L-CH), which generally connotes thriving, advancing, or succeeding. The concept of success in Hebrew culture often encompasses not just personal achievements but also contributing positively to the community and maintaining ethical integrity.

In Jewish thought, particularly as reflected in the Tanakh (the Hebrew Bible) and the teachings of the sages (Chazal), success is conceptualized in multifaceted ways that encompass spiritual, ethical, and communal aspects. Here are some insights based on these texts and teachings:

1. Faith and Relationship with God:

Success begins with a relationship with God. The importance of faith is emphasized throughout the Tanakh, where trust in God is foundational. Proverbs 3:5-6 advises, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight." This suggests that aligning one's life with divine teachings is a pathway to true success.

2. Righteousness and Justice:

The sages often highlight that a successful life is marked by righteousness (tsedek) and justice (mishpat). Isaiah 1:17 promotes the pursuit of justice, while Micah 6:8 states that God requires one to "act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with your God." Ethical behavior and social justice are viewed as integral to a fulfilling life.

3. Wisdom and Knowledge:

The pursuit of wisdom is highly valued in Jewish thought. Proverbs frequently extols the virtues of wisdom (chokhmah). Success is not just about material gain but about acquiring knowledge and understanding, which guides a person in making wise decisions.

4. Community and Family:

A successful life is often defined by strong relationships with family and the community. Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 speaks about the advantages of companionship and the strength found in community. The teachings of the sages emphasize family obligations and communal responsibilities as cornerstones of a successful life.

5. Observance of Mitzvot:

The fulfillment of the commandments (mitzvot) is seen as central to achieving success. The Torah in Deuteronomy 30:15-16 indicates that choosing to follow God's commandments leads to life and prosperity. This connection between mitzvot and success reflects a holistic approach where spiritual obligations lead to a fulfilling and meaningful life.

6. Balance and Moderation:

The sages advocate for moderation in all things. The understanding that success does not solely relate to wealth or status encourages individuals to seek a balanced life, combining work, worship, and rest.

7. Contentment and Gratitude:

Success also involves being content with what one has. The teachings of the sages include the notion that true wealth is not just in possessions but in appreciating life's blessings (as seen in Ecclesiastes 5:19). Gratitude plays a fundamental role in achieving a sense of fulfillment.

In summary, success in Jewish thought, according to the Tanakh and the teachings of the sages, is multidimensional. It encompasses a strong relationship with God, ethical conduct, wisdom, community involvement, and a focus on fulfilling commandments, all while maintaining balance and gratitude. These themes highlight that true success is often measured by one's character and contributions to the well-being of others rather than by material wealth alone.

In Jewish tradition, success in life is often viewed through the lens of spiritual fulfillment, ethical living, and community involvement, as guided by the teachings found in the Torah and other rabbinic literature. Here are some key ideas from sages and rabbis regarding success in life according to the Torah:

- 1. Ethical Conduct: The Torah emphasizes honesty, integrity, and ethical behavior in all dealings. Success is often measured by personal and communal morality, as seen in commandments that direct not just actions, but attitudes towards others.
- 2. Study and Learning: The importance of Torah study is paramount. The sages teach that engaging with sacred texts enriches one's understanding and connection to God, leading to a more meaningful life.
- 3. Community and Relationships: Support and involvement in one's community are essential for personal success. The Torah highlights the value of helping others, participating in communal worship, and maintaining healthy relationships.
- 4. Work and Responsibility: The idea of making an honest living is emphasized. The Torah encourages hard work and dedication to one's responsibilities, illustrating that success comes from effort and perseverance.
- 5. Faith and Trust in God: Many sages speak about the importance of faith in God and trusting divine providence. This does not negate personal effort; rather, it emphasizes that ultimate success and fulfillment are in the hands of the Divine.
- 6. Balance and Contentment: The pursuit of material

wealth is not seen as the primary measure of success. Instead, balance—between work, rest, spiritual pursuits, and family—along with gratitude and contentment in one's circumstances, is encouraged.

7. Mitzvot and Good Deeds: Success is also measured by one's commitment to performing mitzvot (commandments) and acts of kindness. The sages often teach that a life lived with purpose and service to others is a truly successful life.

These principles reflect a holistic view of success in life—one that integrates spiritual, ethical, interpersonal, and communal dimensions, key to Jewish teachings.

CHAPTER 1 The Spiritual Season of Success

Unlocking Joshua 1:8 Through Apostolic Pentecostal Hermeneutics

Joshua 1:8 is foundational for understanding success in God's kingdom. Apostolic Pentecostal hermeneutics views this passage not just as an instruction for Joshua but as a prophetic model for believers who are filled with the Holy Ghost and called to walk in dominion. The phrase "meditate therein day and night" speaks to more than simple reading; it conveys the necessity of aligning one's life, thoughts, and actions with the Word of God. For Apostolics, the Word is alive through the Spirit (John 6:63), and it takes the Holy Ghost for the deeper revelation and power in Scripture to become effective in one's life.

The Holy Ghost enables believers to push forward and succeed—tsalach, meaning "to advance" or "break through." The breakthrough in this context is not just material success but overcoming spiritual obstacles and entering into the promises of God. Apostolic believers understand that true success is linked to obeying God's Word and walking in the Spirit. Without this alignment, no amount of effort or ambition will produce spiritual success.

Spiritual Prosperity Rooted in Apostolic Doctrine

Success in Joshua 1:8 comes not from human effort but from adherence to God's Word, which points us to the Apostolic Doctrine. For Apostolic Pentecostals, the doctrine of Acts 2:38 is key to unlocking success. Baptism in Jesus' name and the infilling of the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in tongues is the gateway to spiritual life and success. The divine progression in this scripture mirrors the journey of the Apostolic believer who, after obeying the gospel, enters into covenant blessings, including power over sin and the authority to walk in dominion.

The Deeper Meaning of Spiritual Success

Success Beyond Natural Understanding

Spiritual success in scripture goes far beyond material wealth or earthly achievement. 3 John 1:2 speaks of prospering "even as thy soul prospereth." Apostolic Pentecostals understand that soul prosperity is a product of living a life led by the Holy Ghost. The soul's prosperity is seen in the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23) and in the believer's ability to walk in holiness, overcoming the flesh through the power of the Spirit.

By examining tsalach in its Hebraic context, we see it means more than just achieving something; it implies a supernatural movement forward, facilitated by God's Spirit. This spiritual advancement leads to a life of divine favor and fruitfulness, much like the tree planted by rivers of water in Psalm 1. The Apostolic understanding is that only through the Spirit's empowerment can one truly succeed in God's eyes. Earthly success without spiritual prosperity is hollow and meaningless.

CHAPTER 3

Exceeding Abundantly Through Apostolic Hermeneutics

Ephesians 3:20 – A Treasure of Divine Promise

Ephesians 3:20 is a goldmine of Apostolic Pentecostal truth. The phrase "exceeding abundantly" (hyperballo perissos) means more than just abundance—it signifies an overflow that surpasses all human capability and understanding. This kind of abundance comes only through the Spirit. The Greek root hyperballo means "to throw beyond" or "to surpass." God's power, in this case, is not just measured by human standards but exceeds all possible comprehension. This verse points directly to the limitless nature of God's Spirit working in us.

Exceeding Abundance through the Holy Ghost

When Ephesians 3:20 mentions, "according to the power that worketh in us," it refers to dynamis the miraculous power of God. Apostolic Pentecostals understand this power as being unleashed through the baptism of the Holy Ghost. The same power that raised Christ from the dead (Romans 8:11) is now at work in believers, giving them the ability to exceed in every area of life.

The depth of the word dynamis is profound. It doesn't just refer to strength but to an inherent power—a divine capacity within the believer to operate in the supernatural. The Holy Ghost is what transforms the ordinary into the extraordinary. As Apostolic Pentecostals, we recognize that this power isn't just for salvation but for victorious living, spiritual authority, and divine success.

The Holy Ghost and the Power to Exceed

The Anointing of Success

The anointing of the Holy Ghost is the key to exceeding in life. Acts 1:8 promises that believers "shall receive power (dynamis) after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you." This power is not limited to spiritual matters but extends to every aspect of life—whether it be ministry, personal growth, or overcoming life's challenges. When we are filled with the Holy Ghost, we tap into divine resources that enable us to transcend human limitations.

This power works in conjunction with perissos, meaning "abundantly" or "more than enough." The Holy Ghost doesn't just empower us to survive but to thrive—to operate with an overflow of divine ability. Apostolic Pentecostals see this as a call to walk in the fullness of the Spirit, where miracles, signs, and wonders become commonplace because of the exceeding power at work within us.

The Gift of God and the Spirit of Grace

The Spirit of Grace – The Baptism of the Holy Ghost

Ephesians 2:8-9 tells us that salvation is by grace, a gift of God. For Apostolic Pentecostals, the greatest manifestation of this grace is the baptism of the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in tongues. This gift of grace is not just for the initial salvation experience but for the ongoing work of God in our lives. The Holy Ghost continues to work out the redemptive power of Calvary in us, perfecting us, and enabling us to walk in the power of the Spirit.

The Greek word for "gift" here is $\delta\omega\rho\epsilon\dot{\alpha}$ (dorea), which refers to a free gift, unearned and undeserved. The Holy Ghost is the fulfillment of this divine gift, paid for by the blood of Jesus Christ (Acts 20:28). His Spirit is the manifestation of divine grace in us, enabling us to live holy, empowered lives.

The Blood Covenant and Spiritual Authority

Purchased by His Blood

Acts 20:28 reveals a profound Apostolic truth: the Church was purchased by God's own blood. This underscores the oneness of God and affirms that the Holy Ghost, manifest in the flesh as Jesus Christ, shed divine blood to redeem His people. This act of redemption not only secured salvation but also purchased the authority and power for us to walk in victory.

Through the blood of Christ, the gift of the Holy Ghost was made available. This Spirit brings with it the authority to exceed in every spiritual battle, walking in dominion over sin, sickness, and demonic oppression. As Apostolic Pentecostals, we understand that our victory comes through the blood and the Spirit—the very forces that worked together on Calvary to bring redemption to mankind.

CHAPTER 7 The Apostolic Mantle of Success

Walking in Dominion and Exceeding in Life

Apostolic Pentecostals are called to wear the mantle of spiritual authority and success. This mantle is not merely a symbolic garment but the actual anointing of God's Spirit at work in us. Just as Elisha received Elijah's mantle and performed twice the number of miracles, so the Apostolic believer, filled with the Holy Ghost, is called to walk in an exceeding measure of power and success.

The Holy Ghost working in us empowers us to do "greater works" (John 14:12). This is not just about performing miracles but living a life that exceeds in spiritual authority, integrity, holiness, and anointing. As we submit to the Spirit and align ourselves with Apostolic doctrine, we are guaranteed to experience exceeding success in both spiritual and practical realms.

Apostolic Success through the Spirit

God is calling Apostolic Pentecostals into a season of spiritual success that surpasses all expectations. By fully embracing the power of the Holy Ghost and walking in the truth of Apostolic doctrine, we can exceed in life beyond anything we could ask or think. The Holy Ghost, the Spirit of grace, is actively at work within us, bringing forth the fruits of Calvary and empowering us to live victorious, anointed lives. Through His Spirit, we are not just called to succeed but to exceed, reflecting the abundant life that Jesus Christ promised to those who believe.

Read and Obey Acts 2:38

About Elder Keith Joel Walker

In 1980 at the age of thirteen, I repented of my sins and was later filled with the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in tongues in my bedroom on 100 W. Holland in Clovis, California. Soon after, I began to see the revelation that Jesus was the God of the Old and the New Testament and that water baptism was administered in Jesus Name. However, at age fifteen, I was credentialed with the Pentecostal Church of God, a Trinitarian-Pentecostal organization.

At the time, I would approach Pastor Aaron Wilson and his Associate Pastor about John 1:1-14 and John 14:7-9, where Jesus said "if you've seen me, you've seen the father" as well as Acts 2:38 and Romans 6:1-6 concerning Jesus Name baptism, but they would brush it off.

Several years later, in 1987, I visited a service at Truth Tabernacle in Fresno under Elder Vaughn Morton. In that service, Brother Keith Clark preached. Elder Vaughn Morton exhorted about the Oneness of God and the essentiality of being baptized in Jesus Name. That day, I saw the revelation, but I ran from it. The next day, a friend and I went to the Spanish Assemblies of God on Forth and Washington in Fresno. We told them that we received the revelation of Jesus Name baptism, according to Acts 2:38 and wanted to use their baptistry. Pastor Tommy Salazar smiled and said that he knew about baptism in Jesus Name and that his brother was affiliated with the Apostolic Assemblies denomination. He gave us his approval and said, "fill up the baptistry." So that afternoon, my friend baptized me in Jesus name and I baptized him as well.

From 1988-1992, my wife and I pastored in Chowchilla. During this time, God would give me dreams about Elder Vaughn Morton baptizing people in Jesus Name. There were many mornings that I would wake up and see 2:38 on the clock as the Lord began to deal with me about the truth.

In 1993, my wife, Donna and I felt the call of God to start World Harvest Pentecostal Church in Fresno. The Lord continued to reveal the truth to me over the years. Between 1998-2007, I began to rebaptize those in my church in Jesus Name. I also taught the Oneness of God and holiness to my congregation and left the Assemblies of God, the Trinitarian-Pentecostal denomination I was affiliated with during that time.

In 2008, Elder Vaughn Morton came to visit me at World Harvest Pentecostal Church. He told me that he heard the sermons I was preaching on the new birth, according to Acts 2:38 and the Oneness of God. That afternoon, we went to Truth Tabernacle, where Elder Morton pastored and I asked him to rebaptize me in Jesus Name. He asked me to preach at his Sunday night service and wanted me to tell my testimony on how I came into the full revelation of the truth according to Acts 2:38, on the new birth and Deuteronomy 6:4, on the Oneness of God.

Since August 15, 1993, my wife and I have been pastoring in Fresno for 27 years. We have had the privilege of preaching the gospel in ten different nations. Over the years, we have seen many rebaptized, baptized in Jesus Name and filled with the Holy Ghost. We have also had the privilege of seeing many come to the Revelation of the Oneness at World Harvest Pentecostal Church and around the world.

