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1 Corinthians 4:5

Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord comes, who will both bring to light the hidden things of darkness and reveal the counsels (motives) of the hearts. Then each one's praise will come from God.

We will be judged not just by the size of our achievements, but for the motives with which we did them.

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Motivation

- ✓ How do I manage and maintain right motives as I seek to be a successful professional?
- ✓ How do I develop a passion for excellence and wealth creation without selling out to the god of mammon (money)?
- ✓ Can I do what's right and be successful in a competitive, profit-centric, bottom-line world?
- ✓ Can I be both ethical and spiritual?

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Nothing Wrong With Profit Motive

Biblical principles and being profit-driven are not opposites.

It is not wrong to desire profit from work and to get motivated by profit.

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(A) God empowers us to profit

The Wisdom that God gives leads to profit.

Proverbs 1:20,21

Proverbs 3:13-18

Proverbs 4:5-8

Proverbs 8:1-3,21

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(B) Rich in faith and rich in the world

The Bible contains the record of many people who were both rich in faith and rich/successful in the world.

My faith in God does not necessarily become compromised by my pursuit of success in the world.

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(B) Rich in faith and rich in the world

Abraham – Genesis 13:2, 24:1,34,35

Isaac – Genesis 26:12-14

Jacob – Genesis 30:27, 30, 43

Joseph – Genesis 39:2-4,21-23

Job – Job 1:1-3

David – 1 Samuel 13:14; 1 Samuel 17:22-31

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(C) The blessing of the Lord

Ecclesiastes 3:13

Ecclesiastes 5:18,19

Psalm 35:27

Psalm 112:1-3

Psalm 128:1-4

Proverbs 10:22

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However We have to maintain Godly Motivation

1. Glorifying God

1 Corinthians 10:31
Isaiah 28:5,6

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1. **Glorifying God**

Glorify God through excellence

Excellence becomes a passion, when you know that it pleases God and it makes God look good.

Ephesians 6:5-8

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1. **Glorifying God**

Glorify God through releasing His Kingdom

Matthew 6:33

Choose to live by the principles and values of His Kingdom, and seek ways to see His Kingdom come, His will be done through my role in the marketplace.

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1. **Glorifying God**

Glorify God through releasing His Kingdom

Matthew 6:19-24

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2. Wealth creation for the common good

1 Timothy 6:17,18

I pursue success because my being successful can become a conduit of blessing to those around me.

I move from “earning a living” to “serving a purpose”.

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3. A heart free from Covetousness and Indifference toward God

Luke 12:15-21

Mark 4:19

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"Career lust shows itself in tearing down people around you, insulting or disparaging them in order to make your own candle burn brighter" – Jack Welch in "Winning", 2005

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3. A heart free from Covetousness and Indifference toward God

1 Timothy 6:6-10

Proverbs 13:11

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How do I define success?

Expand your definition of success from making money to making a difference.

Expand your definition of success from just outcome (achievement, fame, recognition, wealth) to include meaningful purpose (meaning, importance, relevance, value)

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1. My definition of success should include the fulfilling of my God appointed purpose.

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2. My definition of success should include being

(a) a good steward of those things (resources, talents, skills, capabilities) that God has given me and

(b) a good steward of things belonging to others that I am entrusted with

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3. My definition of success should include an eternal perspective