

*"This Book of the Law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is Written Therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then **Thou Shalt Have Good Success.** Have not I Commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest." **Joshua 1:8-9 KJV***

If there is "good success," then there is "bad success." For example: I can be a "successful" murderer or thief. If the success you pursue does not find its standards in God's Word, rest assured, no matter how well it pays in earthly gain, it is not "good success" and will destroy your soul! One needs look no further than the substance-abusing entertainment industry. How many God-honoring works have been produced? Even the critically acclaimed "Ten Commandments" movie exalts Moses and debauchery in pursuit of wealth for its producers and actors. "Father knows best" is no longer true except with God. What has happened to real fathers? Where are "real" men with tender compassionate hearts and true grit in their constitution? Men who epitomize the sacrificial character of their Saviour and are not afraid to stand on principle and do the "right thing" even at personal cost? Fathers who actively lead their family in the Truth God has so Commanded us? *"And these Words, which I Command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children."* Evil powerful men under Satan's influence precipitated world wars that severely depleted our planet of good men, leaving sons to be raised by widows, and spawning generations of single parent families. After the major wars, boys grew up not knowing what it was to be a real man, for they had no example. The insidious canker of Hollywood, the festering sore of TV, and the indoctrination of government run schools reared a lustful, rebellious generation which produced a land where paganism rules and God is forgotten! America is not "the land of the free," but "the land of the spree!" Men do *"that which is right in their own eyes and there is no fear of God before their eyes."* Their motto: "Just do it!" "Good success" comes from obedience to God's Word. Walk every moment of the day *"in the Light"* next to Father, listening, learning, and obeying. If Father is with me, the ruffians of destruction, doubt, dismay, despair, and discouragement are compelled to stay far away. *"If we walk in the Light as He is in the Light, we have fellowship"* only a Father and beloved child can share!



Good success and prosperous,  
Is what our God has Promised us,  
If in His Word we meditate,  
To help us, He'll not hesitate. –CGP

You CAN talk to God and hear His Voice by virtue of His Word Speaking to your thoughts if you diligently seek Him diligently by faith only imparted to men by His Word! *"Faith cometh by hearing...the Word of God. But without faith it is IMPOSSIBLE to please Him!"* Obeying God guarantees "good success!" Even tragedy becomes success if God's Word is your guide. *"I can do all things through Christ...for it is God which Worketh in you, both to Will AND to Do of His Good Pleasure."* We are doomed without God! Jesus, the Word, said, *"Without Me ye can do nothing."* Start with Father and end with Father. His Good Pleasure is your good success!

*"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the Mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, Holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that Good, and Acceptable, and Perfect, Will of God." Romans 12:1-2 KJV*