

Jesus And Your Success



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SECTION 1

INTRODUCTION

I have seen so many people struggle in life to succeed. They do everything possible to be successful. To them, success depends only on the amount of hard work they can put into their work.

This set of people has read the stories of so many successful people in their chosen fields and they believe they can be successful too in their own chosen fields. But it is sad that they don't always get the required result.

There is another set of people who believe success is meant only for certain classes of people. This set of people believes they cannot and will never achieve success no matter how hard they try.

To them, their names have been removed from the success dictionary (if there is anything like that). Before I say more about these two sets of people. Let us look at who a successful person is.

Who is a successful person?

Success is, according to the Oxford advanced learners dictionary, "the achievement of a desired aim, fame, wealth or social position" So a successful person is somebody who has been able to achieve an aim, fame, wealth or social position.

This is actually very correct but it is not a complete definition.

This is however, my own definition of a successful person: A successful person is somebody who has been able to start a project (no matter how small it is) and see it to the end and *should also have guided quiet a number of people to bring their own projects to completion.*

I believe this is a complete definition of success.

NB: You can read more about who a successful person is in my other FREE e-book titled "Qualities of Super-Successful People". You can obtained it FREE at our site

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So what message am I passing across from this? You are not a successful person or you have not achieved any success if you have not helped or guided some other people to succeed!

Your measure of success in whatever field of human endeavor you find yourself is proportional to the number of people you have helped to achieve the same result you have achieved on any task or project.

Jesus, the master was (and is still) a very successful Man. When he was here on earth, he helped a lot of people to achieve success.

He mentored the disciples until they became so bold to preach the gospel to the public:

"But peter standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, You men of Judea, and all you that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words" -Act 2.v14

Today, many lives are still being changed by his word.

Back to the Two Sets of People

Now back to these sets of people mentioned earlier on. It is a good thing the first set of people know they can be successful in what ever they do. It is good they know they have to work towards achieving success. But it is bad they don't always become what they wished because an important "Element" for success is lacking in their lives - **JESUS**.

This set struggle to reach their destination. They struggle to get success but they always find it difficult becoming successful people.

A life in Jesus does not struggle to achieve success. A "Jesusful" life only strives to be successful.

2nd Set

I feel very bad when I see people who don't even know that they have a right to be successful. This set of people do not know and you can't get what you don't know.

I am happy to inform everybody in this set that success is meant for every child of God. It is our right to lay our hands on a

project and bring it to a great conclusion and also guide or influence others to do the same.

God started the big project of creating heaven and the earth and brought it to a good end in six days – He then made Adam (first man) and gave him a “breath of life” (Gen 2:7) to behave like Him – start a project, finish it and also influence others to do it.

You can have this beautiful nature of God if you have JESUS as your Lord and Savior (1 John 3:9).

You won't struggle again to achieve success. The major purpose of this e-book is to make you recognize this fact.

As you go through this material, God will make you take a decision that will make you a success in your lifetime.

SECTION 2

MY STORY

I grew up as the first child in a family of eight comprising of my dad, mum and my five beautiful sisters in the former capital city of Nigeria – Lagos State.

My father worked with the Federal Government for so many years until he retired. My mother on her part was for the most part of the period we (the children) were growing up, a petty trader.

We struggled through school as the people in my country were hit severely by the effect of the Structural Adjustment Programme (SAP) introduced by the then military administration.

The family depended solely on my father's meager monthly income and also the little income from mother's petty trading.

A combination of mal-administration of the nation's resources and economic recession made my father's monthly income to become irregular.

This development badly affected the family and we found it difficult feeding ourselves. Paying the accommodation fees became very impossible and we were served with an eviction notice by the owners of the property.

Things were very tough. My father and mother ran to friends and relatives for help which came and the accommodation fees and some other debts were settled.

This was to be a temporary relief as the worst was yet to come.

A year after my High School education, my father got retired and gratuity and pensions were not forthcoming from the government. The same old problem reared its head again. Feeding became very difficult and another notice of eviction was served.

We finally relocated to a cheaper accommodation on the outskirts of the state where all the basic necessities of life – electricity, pipe-borne water etc. were missing. Help was no longer coming forth from anybody. We were left to bare the pains of our careless living.

My dad took to farming and mother continued her petty trading as I got admitted into a higher institution.

It was during my time in the higher institution that I began to look at the way we have carelessly lived our lives all this while. I began to see in my "inner mind" how success has eluded us because we chose to put our trust in men – the government, friends and relatives. We never had a relationship with God and we really struggled. My dad and mum worked very hard but I realized hard work alone cannot bring success.

Finally, I took a decision not to toe the same line. I resolved to be successful and also to help others to be successful.

But how am I going to do it? By working hard alone? No. My Dad and Mum worked very hard but achieved little result. By trusting in friends, relatives, government? No. Dad, Mum and us trusted them but they failed.

Then, I realized the only thing we never had then, was a relationship with God Almighty. So, I took a decision to develop a

relationship with God. How I was going to do it? I never knew but all I knew was that if I was going to be successful, I needed to be "Godful".

After I graduated and during the compulsory National Youth Service Programme, God finally helped me to know how I will start a relationship with Him in order to be a success.

In a dream, He revealed Himself to me with these Bible passages; I king 2v1-5, Psalm 25 and Joshua 1. I read these Bible passages over and over again to get a clear understanding of the meaning and relevance to my cause in life.

A year after, the Lord finally arrested me and I gave my life to Jesus Christ.

A new chapter was opened in my life and instructions upon instructions have come from the Holy Spirit unto me on so many occasions on how my goal of becoming a success can be achieved.

JESUS IS THE WAY

*"Jesus said unto him, I am the way the truth
and the life no man comes unto the Father,
but by me" – John 14 v6*

Jesus has acted as the Way to the Father for me. I now enjoy a good relationship with the Father, which is very necessary for me to be a success in life.

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Strange Revelation

During my early days as a Christian, the Lord revealed to me how I can be a success that I desire by writing and selling books.

This was strange. How can a Mechanical Engineering graduate take to book writing and selling? I acted as if I did not hear God very well. I continued the search for an engineering appointment.

Six years after this revelation, I had to resign from my place of work as a math teacher in a High School to start the big project of writing and selling books.

I realized if I have to be a complete success, I must teach people the principles of success in Christ through my books. I know I must tell the whole world my story through my books. I am sure I have to let the world know that with Jesus they can do exploits – they can be successful in their lifetime.

On a Final Note

Finally, I believe my greatest joy will come when my writings about success in Jesus Christ have made somebody to rise to the top.

As a result of this belief, I will be a happy man, if you make it a point of duty to share your success story with me. You can send a mail to contact@sesanoguntade.com

Do not stop the success journey until you have helped every less- privileged person you come across to succeed.

Feel free to share this e-book with as many people as you like. You will succeed in Jesus name.

God bless you.

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SECTION 3

GOOD SUCCESS AND BAD SUCCESS

"This book of the Law shall not depart out of your mouth, but you shall mediate therein day and night that you may observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then you shall make your way prosperous, and then you shall have good success" – Joshua 1: 8.

The first time I read the above portion of the bible, I was inspired to understand that, there is a **good success** and a **bad success**.

Nothing support this fact other than the passage quoted above from the Scripture. The Word of God says if "you will hearken to the Voice of God, Obey His Commandments, Study and Meditate daily on His Word, you will have good success".

The Word of God qualifies the noun "Success" with the adjective "good". This simply means you will not have a bad success if you follow God's rules during your success journey in life.

What then, are a **good success** and a **bad success**? How do you differentiate a good success from a bad success? How do you recognize someone with a bad success and someone with a good success?

Good Success

I have tried to carefully study the lives of people in the bible days and those of present times and I found out that there are actually some people with good successes.

I was able to reach a conclusion using my definition of success stated earlier on as a basis of analysis.

God

God Almighty enjoyed good success during the creation of heaven and the earth. He actually set the pace at creation, showing us how to obtain good success in whatever we do.

"And God saw everything that He had made, and behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

Gen 1:31

There were lots of obstacles which stared HIM in the face when HE was creating heaven and the earth but HE never allowed them to stop HIM.

"And the earth was without form and void and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters"

Gen 1:2

Yes, even a formless earth and the darkness would not prevent Him from achieving His aim.

*"Let us make man in our image, after our likeness:
and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea,
and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that
moves upon the earth."*

Gen 1:26

He also transferred His "breath of Life" into Adam for him (Adam) to become a living soul.

What a loving and selfless God who strongly desired somebody to act like Him

Jesus

Jesus Christ was the most successful human being that ever lived on this planet.

*"Looking unto Jesus the Author and Perfecter
of our faith: Who for the joy that was set before
Him endured the Cross, despising the shame,
and is seated at the right hand of the throne of
God"*

Heb 12: 2

This was a man who fulfilled His mission of coming to the earth. He came as the "Lamb of God" to take the Sins of the world away.

Even in the face of great oppositions. He never lost sight of what he came to do. He pushed on and on helping a lot of people along the way to overcome various problems.

This is a Man who died, resurrected and presently sits at the right hand side of God Almighty acting as an advocator in the presence of God for us.

Jesus had good success during His successful journey on the surface of the earth.

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Joshua

“And Israel served the LORD all the days of Joshua and all the days of the elders that outlived Joshua and who had known all the works of the LORD that He had done for Israel”

Josh 24:31

Joshua took over the reigns of leadership of Israel from Moses and this man did excellently well.

During his tenure, the whole of Israel served the Lord. What a wonderful feat!

I have always advised anybody who desire to be a good leader to go and study the life and times of Joshua. I am sure they will learn a lot from his story.

And many more

There are countless numbers of people in the Bible who had good successes: Moses, Apostle Paul, King David, Joseph, John the Baptist, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob all had good successes.

One thing is however, common with all these people and that is the fact that **they fear God**.

“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of Wisdom:
and the knowledge of the Holy one is understanding. Prov 1:10.

You can become a child of God by accepting Jesus as your Lord and Savior and begin to live a life that has the fear of God.

You can expect to record a good number of good successes in your lifetime as you do this.

Bad Success

I may not need to bother you with the stories of people who recorded bad successes in the Bible or even in our societies today but you will observe with me that this set of people also have something in common – they lived a Godless life.

- ❖ You can study the stories of Pharaoh, the king of Egypt when the Israelites were in bondage in Egypt.
- ❖ Cain who killed his brother Abel (Gen 4:8)

- ❖ Herod the king who ordered the killing of all new born babies when Jesus was born(matt 2:13-23)
- ❖ Satan who fell from grace to grass because of pride (Luke 10:18)
- ❖ Judas Iscariot who betrayed Jesus (Matt 26:36-46)

These People all recorded bad successes.

Famous but Miserable

I feel very bad sometimes when I read the stories of many famous people all over the world who have distinguished themselves in various fields but who ended up either committing suicide or got jailed for one offence or the other.

It is very common nowadays to read in the dailies, stories of men and women who have distinguished themselves in their various fields finding it difficult to maintain a steady home front.

Divorce cases or suits are filed at any slightest provocation leading to separation between husbands and wives. Popular sports stars have been suspended or banned for spiking their systems with banned substances. Seemingly successful business people have found no reason to live again by taking their own lives.

A self-confessed or widely acclaimed successful man or woman in these categories mentioned above cannot have any

reasonable positive impact on people looking up to them for guidance.

My dear reader, I want to believe you desire to be a good success. If this is so, then, I humbly advise you to read carefully all that I am serving you in the remaining sections of this e-book.

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SECTION 4

WHAT JESUS STANDS FOR IN OUR LIVES

In this section, I will be discussing in details what Jesus stands for in our lives. You will understand the significance of His coming to the surface of the earth. You will have an adequate knowledge of why you need Him to succeed.

- **JESUS IS GOD**

I believe that the first message we need to get under this section is that Jesus Is God. The Bible says in Isaiah 9:6

“For unto us a child is born, unto us a child is given: and the government shall be upon His shoulder: and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The Mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of peace”

Yes, Jesus is the Mighty God. We were created by Him and in Him we have our being.

Put your total trust in Him and you will surely be a success.

- **JESUS AND OUR ACCESS TO THE FATHER**

“I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, no one comes unto the Father, except by Me”

John 14:6

Jesus came to the earth to repair the way to the father which was destroyed by the first couple – Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden.

Since that unfortunate incident in the Garden of Eden, man has found it difficult accessing the Father.

But things were restored when Jesus gave up His Life on the cross of Calvary to wash the sins of the world away with His blood.

All thanks to Jesus, we now have an express access to God, the Father.

- **JESUS AND OUR FRUITFULNESS**

“I am the Vine, you are the branches: he that abides in Me, and I in him, the same brings forth much fruit. For without Me, you can do nothing”.

John 15:5

Any branch that gets itself detached from the Vine never bears good fruits.

The branches need the vine to produce good fruits. If they get disconnected, the source of supply of requirements for their fruitfulness is cut off.

Without Jesus, you are nothing (John 15:5b). Get yourself connected to Jesus always and enjoy a fruitful life.

- **JESUS AND OUR PROSPERITY**

The word of God says Jesus became poor so that we can be rich. Prosperity is our divine right in Jesus Christ. He has already nailed poverty to the cross of Calvary.

Financial prosperity, prosperity in health, prosperity of the mind is our right. He says in His word;

“I wish above all things that you may prosper and be in health, even as your soul prospers”.

3 John:2

His promise for us is that of complete prosperity. Begin therefore to enjoy prosperity unlimited in Christ Jesus

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- **JESUS AND OUR PROMOTION**

Peter, James and John were professional fishermen. They were so good at their trade and they strongly believe they have

reached the summit of their profession. To them there cannot be any promotion of any sort for them in their business.

But the story changed when Jesus stepped in.

“And so was also James, and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said unto Simon; from now on you shall catch men”

Luke 5:10

They got promoted from catching fishes to catching men

- **JESUS AND OUR DAILY SUPPLY**

The psalmist got so excited about the provisions of God and shouted aloud that;

“The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want”

Psalm 23:1

Jesus is our good Shepherd. With Him guiding us, we can be sure of our daily supplies.

You must do everything to remain in the fold and those wonderful daily supplies will not elude you.

The psalmist continued in Psalm 23:2;

“He makes me to lie down in green pastures: He leads me beside the still waters ”

Your major duty as a sheep is to remain in the shepherd’s fold and you can be sure He will always lead you towards those beautiful green pastures where you can feed yourself to the brim daily.

- **JESUS AND OUR VICTORY**

The death and resurrection of Jesus on the cross of Calvary has given us victory over the enemy.

We have complete victory over sickness, poverty, spiritual dryness, torments from the devil his agents.

He declared on the cross of Calvary that "it is finished" (John 19:30). This statement signaled the end to our struggles in life.

We now have total victory in Jesus Christ.

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SECTION 5

YOU NEED JESUS TO SUCCEED.

The Bible in Genesis chapter 1 contains the beautiful narration about the creation of heaven and the earth by God Almighty

It was a great project that was initially conceived in the mind of GOD. His plan was to create heaven and the earth all that must inhabit them. The bible says in Gen 2:1.

*"Thus the heavens and the earth were finished,
and all the host of them"*

He created all these with a single WEAPON-HIS WORD. Was God successful in His plan to create a beautiful heaven and the earth and all that must be in them? Let us see from this passage.

*"And God saw everything that He had made and, behold
it was very good. And the evening and the morning were
the sixth day"*

Gen 1:31

Yes, God was very successful. From the scripture quoted above, all He created were GOOD.

Now, Let us see whether God satisfied the second condition mentioned earlier on in the definition of a successful person. We want to know whether God actually guided somebody to do what he has done.

Let us confirm this from these two Bible passages,

“And God said; Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the fowl of the air and over the cattle, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth”

Gen1:26

“And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the Ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breadth Of life, and man become a living soul, And the Lord Planted a garden and there He put the man whom He had formed”

Gen 2v7and 8.

God actually created man and gave him all he needs to act like Him-what a kind GOD!

So, God satisfied the two conditions in our definition of a successful person. God was therefore Very successful at creation.

Adam’s Error

Adam and Eve (the first two creations of God) committed a blunder by disobeying God.

“And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and the tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her and did eat”

Gen 3:6

With this mistake by the first couple, man lost the attributes placed (deposited) into him by God at creation to be a success. It was a great loss that even made God to curse man. (Gen 3:16-19).

Man was eventually sent out of the "garden of success" (Garden of Eden) where everything that man needs to succeed was present. With this garden out of the reach of man, the fate of man hanged in the balance. Success has totally eluded man.

WHAT IS THE WAY OUT?

Even though, man had lost this privilege to be a success, God knew it cannot continue that way for long. He knew he must provide a WAY out for man to enjoy those privileges again.

Jesus became the WAY out for man to enjoy those attributes lost in the Garden of Eden.

"The next day John saw Jesus coming unto him, and said, behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world"

John 1:29

Jesus came, suffered, died and resurrected taking our sins away and making us precious again in the sight of God and most importantly giving us the opportunity of enjoying those benefits from God that can make us successful people.

What a nice Jesus!

Dear reader, my success and your success is tied to Jesus

Do you want to enjoy at all times the success qualities of the Almighty? Then you need JESUS?

In the next section, you will learn from the way Jesus actually lived a successful life when He was on the earth's surface.

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SECTION 6

JESUS AND YOUR SUCCESS

“WITHOUT ME, YOU CAN DO NOTHING”

John 15:5b

The first time I came across this statement credited to Jesus Christ in the Bible, something within me rebelled against the message the statement was meant to pass across to me.

I came to understand later on why this was so. I have come to dislike the person or the company of anybody who makes me to believe with his or her actions that I can't survive without him or her.

I strongly believe that nobody can make me feel incapable of succeeding without him or her.

But to my greatest surprise as a newly converted Christian, somebody is now telling me without mincing words that I cannot survive or become anything in life without Him.

When I finally made myself to understand the fact that I cannot run away from the relevance of this statement to all that I planned to achieve in life, I began to look closely with all seriousness at the life and times of the maker of this statement when He was on the surface of the earth.

Therefore, I turned to the Bible for information on this Great Man called Jesus. The facts I got about Him have been of great use to me.

Do you want to be a good success? You can also learn a lot from this Man (JESUS).

Jesus was able to achieve His purpose of coming to the surface of the earth - to take the sins of the world away. He only spent thirty-three years on this earth to do this. He was very successful.

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10 Success Secrets

I have been able to extract ten success secrets from my careful study of the life and times of Jesus on this earth. I hope you will be richly blessed by these success secrets.

(1) **He was Prayerful:**

Jesus Christ understood the fact that He cannot be a good success if He does not have a relationship with His father in heaven through communication with Him.

The story of Jesus in the gospel books is full of Him going to His father at all times in prayer.

"And He went a little further, and fell on His Face, and Prayed, saying, O My Father, if it be possible; let this cup pass from Me: nevertheless not as I will, but as You will

- Matt 26: 39

He knew He needed instructions from heaven if He was to succeed here on earth and He can only get those divine instructions mostly in the place of prayer.

I have been divinely instructed to take one step or the other in business or in other aspect of my life on so many occasions in the place of prayer and I have thoroughly benefited from obeying those instructions.

You cannot rule out divine help if you want to be a good success. This divine help can be yours on a regular basis if you have a relationship with God through prayer.

You must however, strive to live a holy life if you want your prayer life to be very effective. God says in the book of Isaiah:

"And when you spread forth your hands, I will hide My Eyes from you: yea, when you make many prayers, I will not hear:

your hands are full of blood". Isaiah 1:15.

You may be wondering whether it is possible to live a holy life. Well, the good news is that you can actually live a holy life if you take a decision to accept Jesus Christ into your life as your personal Lord and Savior.

When you do this, the Holy Spirit makes you His dwelling place and He begins to assist you to live clean everyday.

(2) Jesus was humble:

Jesus lived a humble Life. The Bible says in the book of Philippians 2: 6 about Jesus:

"Who, being in the form of God thought it not a thing to be grasped to be equal with God"

Jesus is God He never allowed this to get into His Head; He took a decision to come into the earth as a Lamb of God to die for the sins of the world.

Jesus is God but He took a decision to come into the world using the manger as His maternity home.

Jesus is God but He chose the poor home of Joseph, the Carpenter as His family home.

Jesus is God but He made Himself a friend to all less-privileged people. Even though, He owns heaven and the earth, He still associated Himself with this people.

Humility was a great key to His success on earth.

No wonder God (His Father) made Him (Jesus) to have a name that is greater than every other name and at the mention

of His Name, every knee must bow and every tongue must confess - (Phil 2:9 – 11).

Have you allowed the little success you have achieved to get into your head? You need to take a decision to change.

Success is a journey that can never finish. So, the little success you have today is just the beginning of what you can still achieve if you keep your head.

(3) **He was Hardworking**

“I must work the works of Him that sent Me, while it is day: the night comes, when no man can work”

John 9:4

Jesus worked very hard during His stay on earth. He made everybody around Him to know that He must do what he has come to do on the surface of the earth.

He knew there will be a time when He would not be able to work again.

He put in a lot of effort to achieve His purpose on earth.

Do you need good success? You must be ready to work hard.

One of my mentors once told me when I was starting out in business; he said “Now that you are going into your own business, you need to show everybody that you are not a failure by working round the clock at the beginning to put the business on a good stand”.

This statement, to me, was a call to duty. It was to make me understand the importance of hard work in business. Hard work does not kill, it only strengthens.

So, emulate Jesus, put in all the effort now.

(4) **He was an Investor**

At the start of the Ministry of Jesus, He took time to search for men he can invest in for the future.

He found the twelve disciples and invested heavily into them while He was on the surface of the earth with them.

The result of the investment was the exploit of the disciples when Jesus had gone.

I wonder what the fate of the gospel would have been if Jesus had not smartly invested in the disciples.

Smart investment of your time, money, effort is very important for you to be a success story.

Great men and women of today are great investors of their time, money and effort. Begin to invest wisely with these resources of yours now and you will be ready to share your success story with the whole world soon.

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(5) He was a Giver

In the book of Matthew 15 verse 32–38, Jesus had compassion on the multitudes that were following Him and He fed them.

You must be a giver if you want to succeed in life. The Bible passage above states that Jesus had compassion on the people and He took the decision, to provide for them.

Compassion for the less-privileged of the society comes first before the decision to give to them. A good giver is a wise investor!

If you are always closing your palms you will not be able to take in new things into your Palms. But when you open your Palms, you can bring in new things.

Over the years, I have come to observe this attribute in the lives of great men and women. They are all great Philanthropists. They give and give and give.

From Bill Gate to Warren Buffet. They are all givers.

So, be a giver and continue to climb the success ladder.

(6) He worked His Passion

Jesus Christ was known to be very passionate about His purpose on earth. He worked his Passion right from His early years.

After a long search for Him sometimes, the parents found Him in the Synagogue teaching. The young Jesus was surprised His parent did not come to the Synagogue to look for him in the

first place. He felt, they ought to know that He would be in His Father's House.

Jesus never struggled when He was on the earth's surface because He only concerned Himself with what He has come to the earth to do.

You need to discover what you are passionate about and get yourself busy with it.

One of Nigeria's best ever footballers, Austin "Jay Jay" Okocha was once quoted as saying "I can't believe my fortune when I got to Germany and people were ready to pay me for doing what I enjoy doing (footballing)"

Yes, the young man enjoyed playing football and he really did wonders with the round leather object. He worked his passion and he became rich doing what he enjoys doing.

You will make more money when you begin to do what you love to do. So begin to work your passion now.

(7) He served Humanity

Jesus rendered a lot of services to humanity when He was here on earth. Even though, He is God, He still served.

Jesus demonstrated His great leadership qualities by taking a decision to wash the feet of His disciples (John 13:1-17). He used the opportunity to pass an important message across to the disciples and it's the relevance of service to our success in life.

A leader will be very successful if he or she understands this fact. His or her worth is measured by the quality of service he or she can render to his or her followers.

(8) Jesus was Selfless

"Then said Jesus, father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. And they parted his clothing, and cast lots"

Luke 23 v 34

Jesus was in deep agony on the cross of Calvary. At that moment He had all the powers to command the angels to crush His accusers to set Himself free. He however decided to pray for the people instead!

What a selfless Man!

You must think more of others than you think of yourself. Everyday, you should always ask yourself what you can do to humanity. I have loved this statement credited to this man, John Bunyon. He said "You have not lived today until you have done something for someone who can never repay you"

A selfish man will not enjoy good success.

(9) Jesus Recognized God's will

Jesus never allowed His will to overshadow the will of God for His life.

"And He went a little further, and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, If it is possible, let this Cup Pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as you will"

Matt 26: 39

At the Garden of Gethsemane, even at the point of death, Jesus allowed the will of God to be done.

Jesus never did anything outside the Will of the Father, No wonder, He enjoyed good success all through.

You must make conscious effort at all times to recognize the Will of the Father. This is a great key to good success.

Never embark on a project without going to Him in prayer. The Bible says:

*"In all your ways acknowledge Him,
and He shall direct your paths"*

Prov 3: 6

(10) **Jesus was Brave**

Bravery is an important quality you must possess if you want good success.

The rich are known to demonstrate this trait when taking some decisions on investment. The poor are always scared or too cautious to take risks.

Jesus was a brave man during His stay on the earth. He said this to the hearing of Pilate when He was being questioned in John 19 v 11a.

*"Jesus answered, you could have no power
at all against me, except it were given you
from above"*

This statement can only come under such condition to Pilate from a man with great courage and strength of character.

Jesus, despite the fact that He knew what was going to happen in Jerusalem, in the book of Matt 20:17 went into Jerusalem with His disciples.

“Behold, we go up to Jerusalem, and the Son of man shall be betrayed unto the Chief Priests and unto the Scribes, and they shall condemn Him to death.”

Great courage is needed for us to enjoy good success. Jesus demonstrated this while He was on the surface of the earth. He courageously worked out His purpose on earth.

You must be brave and courageous to take decisions that will ensure you enjoy good success.

SECTION 7

ULTIMATE DECISION

I have listed ten super secrets of the success story of Jesus Christ when He was here on earth.

Jesus is our Ultimate Role Model. We can learn from Him to live a successful life here on earth.

I have never and will never regret allowing Him to take over my life. You can also share this same testimony too.

The Ultimate Decision

“For with the heart man believes unto righteousness,
And with the mouth confession is made unto salvation”

Rom 10:10

If you want Jesus to come into your life so that you can begin to dig out with joy from the well of salvation, you can say this in prayer,

***“Father in heaven, forgive my sinful past. I believe
Jesus
Christ died for my sins and His death and resurrection
has
wiped away my sins.
I believe He is the son of the Living God.
I want Him to begin to rule in my life as from now on.
Thank you God for hearing my prayer”.***

Congratulations! This is going to be the greatest decision you will ever take. Congratulations once again!

Now begin to enjoy Christ unlimited and good success will never elude you again.

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