

THIS WEEK'S DRINK FROM THE SPRING – 6-7-10

**This Week's Thought:** Success. *“Achieving favor or gain.”*

**This Week's Quote:** *“The measure of your success is not where you came from but where you are headed that will determine where you will end up.”.....unknown*

**This Week's Prayer Concern:** This week join with me in praying for all those in our congregation who graduate this year from various schools. May the Holy Spirit bless each one with wisdom and may they be open and receptive to the Lord's leading.

**This Week's Scripture:** *“So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. God blessed them and said to them, ‘Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground.’”* (Genesis 1:27,28 N.I.V.)

How do you define success? People define success in various ways. To many, success is power, production, overcoming obstacles, possessing something specific and worthwhile or experiencing a special feeling.

In reading Genesis 1:27,28 I believe God wanted Adam and Eve to be successful. God expected Adam (man) to be successful (vs. 28) and God equipped Adam (man) to be successful (vs. 27). God expected Adam and Eve to do that which was right and pleasing in His sight, and so gave them those instructions. The only way failure could enter Adam and Eve's lives was for them to disobey God.

I believe we can then define success as “being obedient to God.” That involves....

- 1) **KNOWING** God and His desires for me.
- 2) **GROWING** to my maximum potential.
- 3) **SOWING** seeds that benefit others.

I am reminded of the Scripture, “Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere; I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness” (Psalm 84:10). I believe that God desires for you and me to be “successful” as well. He has equipped us by sending us His Holy Spirit. May we fulfill God's expectations for our lives.

Serving With You,

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