

"HOW TO BE A SUCCESS"

Genesis 24:12-14

Many books are written about success. Eleazar was a servant/disciple. See how he found success.

Genesis 24:12-14 ¹²Then he said, "O Lord God of my master Abraham, please give me success this day, and show kindness to my master Abraham. ¹³Behold, here I stand by the well of water, and the daughters of the men of the city are coming out to draw water. ¹⁴Now let it be that the young woman to whom I say, 'Please let down your pitcher that I may drink,' and she says, 'Drink, and I will also give your camels a drink'—let her be the one You have appointed for Your servant Isaac. And by this I will know that You have shown kindness to my master."

I. DAILY SUCCESS

A. There is a tendency to get caught up in the big picture

1. What is God's ultimate will for my life? Where will God's will take me? How will I know?

a. This can be daunting/overwhelming

1. *What should I be doing 5 years from now?* 2. *How will I ever get to that place?*

B. But our story tells a simple, but powerful principle in finding God's will

1. **V12** *Then he said, "O Lord God of my master Abraham, please give me success this day..."*

a. He's not asking for the ultimate plan: Just help me succeed today!

2. **Destiny is daily!**

a. *Choose you this day whom you will serve* b. *Give us this day our daily bread*

3. **Relationship with God should be daily:**

a. Manna: A picture of relationship with God – daily! b. Prayer should be daily:

1. **Psalm 88:13** *But to You I have cried out, O Lord, And in the morning my prayer comes before You.*

a. These quick prayers only work for those who have a daily relationship with God

4. **Obedience should be daily: What should I do today – to carry out God's will?**

a. *Don't take a wife from Canaan/Get the right girl/don't take Isaac back to Nahor*

1. *Today I can witness* 2. *Today I can study* 3. *Today I can work with NC's – greet visitors*

C. You find future destiny by daily success

1. Great men have great habits. Daily ha: bits.

a. Men do not really decide their future. They merely decide their daily habits.

II. FROM KNOWN TO THE UNKNOWN

A. There is so much about the future we don't know

1. How will you get to a future that you can't see/don't know?

a. Some are waiting until God reveals the unknown: I won't do anything until then

2. The principle here: You move from the known to the unknown

a. **Psalm 37:23** *The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD, And He delights in his way.*

3. Eleazar did what he knew: *Don't take a wife from Canaan/Get the right girl – from the right place*

a. That is what unlocks the unknown future

4. **Known obedience is logical**

a. I need to pray/study/witness/work with people

1. It helps God's will – and will be a part of my future if I'm called to preach

b. Known obedience uses logic: *Where are you likely to find young girls? At the well!*

5. **Known obedience is a test:** Daily manna was a test of trust and obedience

a. God won't show you what you don't know if don't do what you know

1. **Proverbs 4:18** ¹⁸*But the path of the just is like the shining sun, That shines ever brighter unto the perfect day.*

III. CONFIDENCE IN GOD

A. Eleazar expected God to help: **V12** *O Lord God of my master Abraham...*

1. If I am doing God's will – I can expect Him to help me!

a. In this case – supernatural guidance: The exact right girl

1. I see God do that again and again

2. We should be developing that confidence now – in the situations we face

a. God can guide me to the open heart b. Guide me to someone who can help w/my problem