

## "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** <sup>12</sup>Then he said, "O Lord God of my master Abraham, please give me success this day, and show kindness to my master Abraham. <sup>13</sup>Behold, here I stand by the well of water, and the daughters of the men of the city are coming out to draw water. <sup>14</sup>Now 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** <sup>18</sup>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