

## **Biblical Worldview Series!**

### **Part 2: "The Definition of Success!"**

**Worldview Survey... *There are many things that contribute to feeling successful in life. What is the single most important factor to you?***

Making loved ones happy / Reaching goals / Being a good spouse/parent / Commitment and obedience to God / Personal happiness or freedom / Healthy, productive, safe life / Positive and fulfilling relationships / Being a good citizen / Other

**How do you see success?**

**Worldview...** Simplest version is big, big house, with lots and lots of toys... Money, money, money, money... Power, "atomic" levels of power... Influence... Glam... Cabinets full of trophies and walls covered in awards... Lots of praise, valuation from others!

**Worldview...** Defines success by money, influence, accomplishments, possessions, praise! Kings have defined it that way... "The Lord saves His anointed, He hears and saves. *Some trust in chariots and horses but we will remember the name of the Lord!*" **Ps 20.6,7** The rich... "He that trusts in his riches will fall!" **Pr 11.28** Business people... "Labor not to be rich, cease from your own wisdom... riches grow wings and fly away!" **Pr 23.4,5** Would-be Christ follower defined it apart from God... walked away sad! **Mt 19.16 Mk 10.17 Lk18.18**

**Worldview Survey...** Success is: "A foundation of financial independence!" "The wherewithal to fuel a lifestyle of enjoyment and luxury!" "To experience international travel, culinary experiences and golf!" "Enabled to be receptive to new ideas and experiences!" "More choices and time to be invested in self and relationships!" "To live a more valuable life!"

**What is success to you? If you see it with God's eyes, you can have it all, but better...!**

**Biblical Worldview of Success... *Found in Christ!*** His sheep will be on His right and the goats on the left. Then will the King say to those on the right, Come you blessed of God *and enter into the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world...*" **Mt25.33,34** *I count everything loss to win Christ and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness but that which is through the righteousness of God by faith!*" **Phil 3.9** How greatly the king will joy in Your strength and in Your salvation he will rejoice! **Psalms 21.1** Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches: *But let him that glories glory in this, that he understands and knows Me, that I am the Lord who exercises lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth.* **Jeremiah 9.23** *Without salvation no man will see God!* **John 3.3** *No one comes to the Father but by Me!* **J14** *I am the Door, if any man enters he will be saved!* **John 10.9**

**Formed in His image!** The ones He foreknew He predestined to be conformed into the image of His dear Son!" **Romans 8.29** It doesn't yet appear what we will be but we know that when He appears we will be like Him for we will see Him as He is. And everyone who has this hope in Him is working to purify himself even as He is pure!" **1John 3.2,3** Loving, forgiving, enduring! Powerful, humble, serving! *Happy are you if you know this!* **J13.17**

**Faithful in the goods God has handed us! Faithful in what is least!** He gives us power to get wealth! **D8.18** How hard it is for those whose riches have them to enter into the kingdom! **Mark 10.23** Faithful in

little faithful in much! **Lk 16.10** Riches are not forever, nor the crown to every generation! **Proverbs 27.24** Give me neither poverty nor riches; just my portion, Lest I be full, and deny You saying, Who *is* the LORD? Or lest I be poor and steal, and take the name of God in vain. **Proverbs 30.8** Life is not found in the abundance of things we possess! **Luke 12.15** God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labor of love, which you have done in His name, in that you have ministered to the saints, and do minister. **Hebrews 6.10** Seek first His kingdom and His righteousness and all things will be added to you! **Matthew 6.33** If any man's work abides, he will receive a reward! **1Corinthians 3.14**

**Words of Life!** The cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches chokes the word and it becomes unfruitful!" **Mk4.19** Hold fast the form of sound words which you have heard! **2Tim1.13** Studying to show ourselves approved to God... rightly dividing (laying out, putting down a path, drawing a line by) the word of truth! **2Tim 2.15** Contend for the faith as it was once delivered to the saints! **Jude 1.3**

**Life in the Spirit!** For as many as are led by the Spirit are the sons of God! **Romans 8.14** Walk in the Spirit and you will not fulfill the lust of the flesh for the Spirit is contrary to the flesh and its dark works... But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance... If we live in the Spirit then let us also walk in the Spirit! **Galatians 5.16,25**

**Fruitful in good works!** "Herein is your Father glorified, that you bear much fruit... and that your fruit remains!" **John 15.8,16** Filter: "God blessed them and said, 'Be fruitful and multiply and replenish the earth and subdue it...'" **Genesis 1.28** A wise son makes a glad father! **Pr 10.1** Children's children are the crown of old men (women)! **Pr 17.6** The parents of the righteous will greatly rejoice, they will have joy in a wise child... they will be glad! **Pr 23.24,25**

**Lisa's Story...**