

## Preapproved For Success

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Do we really believe that God intends for His children to prosper?

*Isaiah 48:17 (NKJ) Thus says the Lord, your Redeemer, The Holy One of Israel: I am the Lord your God, Who teaches you to profit, Who leads you by the way you should go.*

God will teach you how to succeed and He will also lead you to a place of opportunity for prosperity.

*Joshua 1:8 This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do all that it is written in it. For THEN you will make your way prosperous, and THEN you will have good success.*

If we could know that we know this is scripture is for us today, would we dare to live life differently while being surrounded by a religious culture that opposes this school of thought? Would it radically change our view work life and our view of prosperity?

1 Sam. 5: 6-11

We can see from this story that David had a belief that God certainly wanted success for him and that he could have it if he just wouldn't quit. We see how David faced off the insurmountable odds that stood between him and success.

I believe that there are TWO main factors that David understood and that we also must understand today!

- (1) Never let someone else create your world for you.( because they will always create it too small.)
- (2) Prosperity is progressive and that we live life at levels and arrive in stages.

We can clearly see both of these (2) factors walked out in the story of David's life and how it led him to the place where he could achieve success beyond anyone's wildest dreams! Like Taking Jerusalem.

*1Sam. 16: 11 Then Samuel asked, "Are these all the sons you have?" "There is still the YOUNGEST", Jesse replied. "BUT, he is out in the fields watching the sheep. "Send for him at ONCE," Samuel said. .... 12.....and The Lord said," This is the ONE: anoint him."*

Sometime we feel as though God is has forgotten about us but He sees you right where you are. Are you faithful where God has you for now or do you despise small beginnings?  
(Zechariah 4:10)

- You may ask, "If God has called me to prosper and do great things for Him, how will I ever get noticed?"

1 Sam. 16:17 "All right Saul said," Find someone who plays well and bring him here." 18. One of the servants said to Saul, "The son of Jesse is a talented harp player. Not only that; he is brave and strong and has good judgment. He is also a fine- looking young man, **AND THE LORD IS WITH HIM!**

Prov. 22:29 (NKJ) Do you see a man who excels in his work? He will stand before kings:.....

- Sometimes we are misunderstood and falsely accused because of our courageous faith!

1 Sam. 17: 28.....David's oldest brother said," I know about your pride and dishonesty....."

- Are we ready to seize our moment of opportunity when it arises, or will we shrink back?

1 Sam. 17: 32 "Don't worry about a thing," David told Saul. "I'll go fight this Philistine!"

Maturity comes with the acceptance of responsibility and MONEY always follows responsibility!

The people are looking for PROBLEM SOLVERS. There are plenty of people with problems but very few answers to problems.

- Every time you step up there is someone to pull you back!

Vs. 33 "Don't be ridiculous!" Saul replied, "There is no way you can go against this Philistine. YOU ARE ONLY A BOY, and he has been in the army since he was a boy!"

We must be persuaded that nothing or no one can stop the promises of God for our life!

34. BUT David PERSISTED. "I have been taking care of my father's sheep," he said. "When a lion or a bear comes to steal a lamb from the flock. 35 I go after it with a club and take the lamb from its mouth. If the animal turns on me, I catch it by the jaw and club it to death. 36 I have done this to both lions and bears, and I will do it to this pagan Philistine..."

Both our Faith and Abilities are progressively built through circumstances and situations. David knew what he could do because of what he had been through.

David was appointed as one of the captains of Saul's army then had to spend years running for his life from Saul but David never lost sight of his belief that he was PREAPPROVED by God for PROSPERITY! We see in 2 Sam.1 & 2 that David was crowned king over Judah at the age of (30), even though he had been anointed to be king over all of Israel. David knew that this was a progressive step preparing him for what God had promised.

2 Sam. 5 David is crowned king over all of Israel at the age of (37). David had waited approximately (22) years between his ANNOINTING and his APPOINTING. Even through tough times of others doubting him and many years passing before the fulfillment of God's promise David never wavered in his belief that he was PREAPPROVED FOR PROSPERITY!

1 Sam. 5: 12 David realized that the great for the SAKE OF HIS PEOPLE ISRAEL. Lord had made him king over Israel and had made his kingdom