

TWELVE THINGS TO REMEMBER IF YOU WANT TO GET AHEAD

1. The value of time.
2. The success of perseverance.
3. Do not be discouraged, no matter what the problems seem to be.
4. Get pleasure out of your work.
5. The dignity of simplicity. Too many people want to dress up things beyond their worth and really destroy what worth they have.
6. The worth of character. Read the book of Proverbs often. One chapter a day will do wonders for you.
7. The power of kindness.
8. You must set the standard. God's standard, the Bible.
9. The obligation, duty and wisdom of economy.
10. The virtue of patience. There is nothing more important right now than patience.
11. The improvement of talent.
12. The sincere and real joy of originating something.

PUNCTUALITY

Famous authors share their wit and wisdom on the subject that's close to all of us.

"I could never think well of a man's intellectual or moral character, if he was habitually unfaithful to his appointments." **Emmons**

"Appointments once made, become debts. If I have made an appointment with you, I owe you punctuality; I have no right to throw away your time, if I do my own." **Cecil**

"I have always been a quarter of an hour before my time, and it has made a man of me." **Lord Nelson**

"I give it as my deliberate and solemn conviction that the individual who is habitually tardy in meeting an appointment, will never be respected or successful in life." **Fisk**

"Better to be three hours too soon than one minute too late." **Shakespeare**

When the secretary of Washington, excusing himself for being late, said that his watch was too slow, the reply of Washington was, "You must get a new watch, or I must get a new secretary." **Washington**

"Nothing inspires confidence in a businessman sooner than punctuality, nor is there any habit which sooner saps his reputation than that of being always behind time." **W. Mathews**

"The most indispensable qualification of a cook is punctuality. The same must be said of guests." **B. Savarin**

DON'T FORGET OUR NEXT MEETING.

THE SUBJECT:

"GOD'S STEPS TO FINANCIAL PROSPERITY" Part 2

If you are late or absent you will be the loser. Don't miss any session.

GOD'S STEPS TO FINANCIAL PROSPERITY

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GOD'S STEPS TO FINANCIAL PROSPERITY are clearly defined in His Word. It is not farfetched to say that these are ways by which Christians can be sure of enough money to meet all their needs. THE BASIC FOUNDATION of financial prosperity is "FAITH IN GOD".

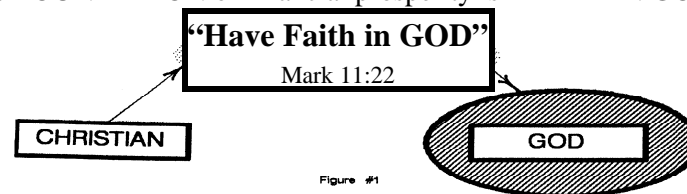


Figure #1

Here are the steps to financial prosperity - God's way.

STEP #1: The first step is to ASK GOD FOR A JOB or a means of livelihood, especially if you have no job at all. If your job is not pleasing to God, you must ask God for a change. It must be His job for His child.

God has set down some **GUIDE LINES** regarding the work that we do.

Guide Line #1 Pray and ask God to give you a job or a better job. If you need a better job, do not quit the old one until you have another. There are exceptions to this rule. If you have a job that is not in agreement with the scriptures as stated below, then I would give your company a two week notice and resign. Be sure to leave with a good testimony.

Some culture problems: Men will not work if they do not have to. And, those who have a job feel they have to support every body who comes their way.

Guide Line #2 Go and look for a job now. The job will not come to you. Begin at 8 a.m. and continue until you have found work. You may not find the job that you want the first day but it is important that you find some kind of work now so you can earn some money. You can look for the job of your dreams later.

Make sure you are dressed properly. Men, have a neat hair-cut. First impressions are very important and are most lasting. Do not act afraid; walk and speak with confidence. Be positive about what you are doing. You have asked God for a job and by faith you are going to get the job He has for you. God is going to answer your prayers.

Guide Line #3 Make sure you do not work on the Lord's Day, Sunday. Obey the commands of God in **Exodus 20:1; Deuteronomy 11:26-28**

God wrote these commands for our benefit and for our good. It is always wise to do your best to follow them all the time.

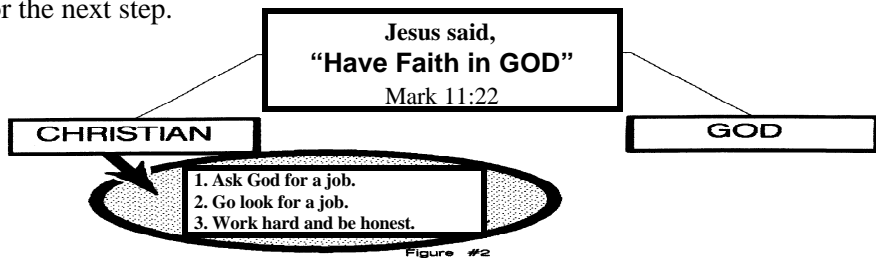
I would suggest you inform the employer in your interview, after he shows interest in hiring you, that you will not work on Sunday because this is a religious conviction. Don't worry about losing the job at this point. Fear not man but fear God and have faith in God. The employer will have much respect for a person who is able to stand up for his convictions. Tell the boss that you will work hard and do your very best six days a week but the seventh day, Sunday, belongs to God. **Luke 14:5**

If the boss does not hire you because of your convictions then you can be assured that this is not the job that God wants you to have. God has a better job for you. Just keep on looking. **Romans 8:28**

Question: What do you want? A job that will work you on Sunday and have the curse of God on you or a blessing? The choice is yours. Let me say this in short, you cannot be a good Christian and have the blessings of God on your life if you work on the LORD'S DAY, Sunday. Working on Sunday will destroy your spiritual, physical, mental and moral life. **John 15:5**

Guide Line #4 Do not accept a job that will not bring glory to God. Selling or serving beer, cigarettes, working in a bar or casino, or a movie house would be wrong for a Christian. **1 Corinthians 10:31; Hab 2:15** Ask yourself this question "**Would Jesus do this?**" **WWJD?**

Now that God has given you the job or means of livelihood, you are ready for the next step.



STEP #2: WORK HARD AND BE HONEST. This is a general principle for all people. **Genesis 3:19**

No lazy man should expect to prosper. Study the following Scriptures: **2 Thess 3:10; Prov 10:4; 23:21; 1 Cor 4:12; 1 Thess 4:11; 1 Tim 5:8**

RESPONSIBILITY and HEALTH

Someone said, "He that would eat the nut must crack the shell." If I am going to enjoy good health, I must eat. If I am going to eat I must work.

God gives every bird its food, but He does not throw it into the nest.

RESPONSIBILITY and HONESTY

Ephesians 4:28 "Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth." **2 Thessalonians 3:11-15**

You are to work your very best. Your employer has purchased your time (40-50 hours per week) and you are to do what he tells you to do as long as he does not ask you to commit sin. Sin is anything that displeases God.

Acts 5:29 "Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men."

Leave your house early enough so you will arrive at work before starting time. Work as if Jesus Christ were your visible boss. Do the quality of work for your employer that you would expect if you were in his shoes. Do it for Jesus sake.

Ephesians 6:5-8 "Servants (employees), be obedient to them..."

Colossians 3:23-24 "And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; 24 Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ."

Men, if you are not getting the wages you feel you deserve, find out why. Ask your employer if you are doing the quality of work he expects. If you are, ask him for a raise in pay. If he does not pay you what you are worth, then ask God for a better job. Do not complain, work less or go on strike. Go out and find a better paying job. There are better jobs but you will have to ask God for them and then put some feet to your prayers and go out and find a better job.

NOTICE THESE INTERESTING POINTS:

THIRTEEN REASONS WHY MOST PEOPLE FAIL

1. Unwillingness to cooperate with or help others.
2. Unreliability, lack of dependability.
3. Discourteousness, rudeness, indifference to the other fellow's interests, wants, desires, point of view.
4. Carelessness, indifference - the "so what" attitude: "I'll get by."
5. Sarcasm - "cutting the other fellow down to size", too free with the stinging rebuke and the humiliating remark, making fun of others.
6. Desire to domineer, wanting to boss others, acting superior.
7. Trouble-making, agitating, always dissatisfied, having a "the world owes me a living" attitude.
8. Laziness, loafing on the job, habitual lateness.
9. Disagreeableness, lack of respect for others, the "I'm right, but the world's all wrong" attitude.
10. Misconduct, violation of rules, unwillingness to conform to prescribed standards recognized as essential for the well-being of all.
11. Drinking any type of alcohol.
12. Dishonesty - lying of any kind.
13. Absenteeism, found wanting in the sense of responsibility.