

Shining Like Stars: **Rethinking Success**

Psalm 1

1 Happy are those

who reject the advice of evil people,
who do not follow the example of sinners
or join those who have no use for God.

2 Instead, they find joy in obeying the Law of
the Lord, and they study it day and night.

3 They are like trees that grow beside a stream,
that bear fruit at the right time,
and whose leaves do not dry up.

They succeed in everything they do. (GNB)

How do you measure success?

- I measure success in different ways. During office hour, it is meeting the goals set by my boss and my department. After office hour, I enjoy playing soccer. Scoring goals and winning the game are paramount!
- Success is about doing my work well. I want to be recognized as someone who always does her best to achieve her goals.
- Success is when I am performing well in my role, knowing that my work is adding value to society, to my life and the others' life.

I measure success based on outcomes. It's not always the path you take to achieve success that matters. Rather, it's quantifiable results.

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Selected Awards and Positions Held

2002 - 2004: Nominated Member of Parliament

2002 - 2003: Singapore representative to the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation's (APEC) Business Advisory Council (ABAC)

2003: Singapore's Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year award for Manufacturing and Industrial Products

2003: The International Management Action Awards (IMAA) by SPRING Singapore and the Chartered Management Institute.

2003: Most Creative Entrepreneur by Business Times' readers

2003: Woman of the Year 2002 by Her World Magazine

2004: Global Women Inventors & Innovators Network (GWIIN) Award

2005: Executive of the Year for Singapore by Asiamoney

2006: Winner of the Regional Growth Award by Nihon Keizai Shimbun

2008: Rising Asia - The Next 10 Years Award by the Singapore Institute of International Affairs (SIIA) and AXN ASIA

2010: Ernst & Young, Entrepreneur of the Year Singapore

2011: Ernst & Young, World Entrepreneur of the Year

2012: Forbes, #27 Singapore's 40 Richest. Net worth US\$460 million.

How does God measure success?

Ahab son of Omri began to rule over Israel ... He reigned in Samaria twenty-two years. 1 Kings 16:29

But Ahab son of Omri did what was evil in the Lord's sight, even more than any of the kings before him. 1 Kings 16:30

Jesus said, "Yes, a person is a fool to store up earthly wealth but not have a rich relationship with God." Luke 12:21

God's Idea of Success

1. God's eyes are upon those who choose to hang out with the right kind of people

Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers. Psalm 1:1

Do not enter the path of the wicked, and do not walk in the way of evil. Avoid it, do not travel on it; turn away from it and pass on. For they do not sleep unless they have done evil; and their sleep is taken away unless they make someone fall. Proverbs 4:14-16

God's Idea of Success

2. God's face shines upon those who find joy in His teachings and obey His Word

But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night. Psalm 1:2

The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes. Psalm 19:8

God's Idea of Success

3. God's strength follows those who are moving on to spiritual maturity and bearing fruits

He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers. Psalm 1:3

Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, And whose hope is the Lord. For he shall be like a tree planted by the waters, Which spreads out its roots by the river, And will not fear when heat comes; But its leaf will be green, And will not be anxious in the year of drought, Nor will cease from yielding fruit. Jeremiah 17:7-8

Who is successful in God's sight?

- Those who choose to hang out with the right kind of people
- Those who find joy in His teachings and obey His Word
- Those who are moving on to spiritual maturity and bearing fruits

“When I got back to my cell, I said, “God, I asked you to set me free, not kill me.”

God spoke to me and said, “Andrew, I have set you free from the inside out, I have given you life!”

From that moment on I have not stopped worshipping Him. I had never sung before, never led worship, until Jesus set me free.” - Andrew Chan while in custody following his death sentence

Mr Andrew Chan

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