

Full Sermon Transcript:
Key to Success :Do All Things For GOD & To Serve Other People
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Good to see everybody. Let us go in prayer. Lord, Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus, thank you, Lord, for getting us through this week.

Thank you for this dedicated, appointed, set-apart, sacred day of worship, of praise, of hearing your word, of fellowship together, as we gather together at the same time over the internet right now, and locally in person.

The day of rest, worship, and fellowship. Thank you for giving us a day that is different from all the rest of the week. A day that we don't have to focus on making money, surviving, keeping up with the Joneses, but a day for your church, for your people, for your kingdom, and for you.

That really, every day, should be this. Really, we should live in the Sabbath. Not that we should not work, but that our primary focus in life should be serving you and serving other people.

Help people, this day, in this sermon, to understand this more fully, more completely, for comprehension to set in.

Father, I accept that this message and this service has your blessing and your anointing, your presence, your help, your hand in our lives, and in all things in the universe.

That all things work out for the good, for those that love you, for those that are called for your purpose.

Thy will will be accomplished. Praise your holy name. This service is yours. We are yours.

Speak to us and through us. So be it in Jesus' name. Amen. You may be seated.

Let's turn to the book of Deuteronomy chapter 28. Deuteronomy 28, and for anyone that might be listening for the first time, we're reading from the Alpha & Omega Bible translation.

A translation that is sourced from, based upon, the oldest and, in fact, the oldest biblical manuscripts on earth.

Dead Sea Scrolls, the Greeks Septuagint, older manuscripts than what was used for the King James Version.

I'm trying to see with my glasses here. I may have to switch glasses, even though these glasses are the ones without the extra glare.

But Deuteronomy 28 is where we're going to start.

And Brother J is listening, and we have people listening from Korea and South Africa and around the world right now on the Sabbath day of November the 15, 2025, listening to the worship services of I Saw the Light Ministries.

Brother R is running to get my glasses so I can see better. Thank you. Before we read Deuteronomy 28, let me give you a little bit of an introduction to today's message and subject.

Right now I'm thinking back to a movie called Facing the Giants, and I'm not a sports fan at all.

I hate sports, especially football, but this is a Christian movie about faith, and even though they use football as an analogy, as something that people relate to, a lot of people relate to these days, it's really about serving God, and I would highly recommend this movie to anyone.

If you've never watched the movie, I would encourage you to watch it today, Facing the Giants.

But in that movie, the football team always loses their games. They are a losing football team, continually, constantly, until they learn that playing football for their own glory, just to win a trophy and a title that people will forget about in just three, four, five, ten years, doing football for just their own glory, temporary glory, very temporary, is in vain.

It's useless. But if they play the football for the glory of God, for God, for God in their minds and hearts, that changes everything, and they begin to win the football games one after another after another.

Continually. Now, we're not football players, but we are warriors, or we should be, and we should be playing both defensively and offensively, just like you do in football and sports.

Life is defensive and offensive. But our purpose on earth, what is our purpose on earth?

We did a sermon just last week or maybe a week before, sometime recently. Our purpose on earth is primarily to serve God, and then after that also to serve our fellow brothers and sisters, humanity.

If we go to work every day, whether our job is a football player or whether our job is selling items in a store or working in a restaurant, whatever your job might be, if you work a job just only to pay your bills, just to pay your electric bill and your rent and to survive and just get by, what is your purpose?

What is your purpose in life? For a lot of people, your job is really number one in your life.

You have to come to understand that. You need to confess that. That's something that we can't avoid if you're having to work 40 or 60 hours a week.

You're getting ready for work in addition to actually driving to work or walking or biking to work, then actually working, then traveling back from work, then resting from work and still thinking about work and preparing for the next day's work.

It's a major part of our life, but yet if it's just for temporary money, temporary glory, temporary physical survival, how is that going to benefit us in the next life, in eternity, unless we turn this around to do it for the Lord?

Our purpose on earth is not to make money or to pay the rent. Our purpose on earth is not to work a carnal job, even though we must do these things.

Our purpose is to serve God and put Him first. And we cannot put God first if God is not present in everything that we do, in our jobs.

This sermon comes to my heart and mind because of how I see God anointing the health store business right now. Not that we've made any money, not that we really look like we're going to ever make any money, but how do you gauge or measure success?

Are we here only to make money and pay our bills and survive? How do we gauge success?

Now we can't escape the reality that we need some physical success and financial success, but what is the source of all things?

God. What is the source of our success? Is it really just only all the time the work of our hands, our skills, our own abilities?

Let's read Deuteronomy 28 now, verse 1. And it shall come to pass that if you will indeed obey the voice of Jesus your Theos, to observe, do all these things, all these commandments which I charge you this day, that Jesus your Theos shall set you on high above all the nations of the earth.

And all these blessings shall come upon you and shall find you. And if you will indeed obey the voice of Jesus your Theos, blessed shall you be in the city and blessed shall you be in the field or in the country. Amen.

Blessed shall be your offspring, your children of your body and the fruits of your land and the herds of your oxen and the flocks of your sheep.

Blessed shall be your barns and your stores, that is your storehouses. Blessed shall be you in your coming in and blessed shall you be in your going out.

Jesus deliver your enemies that withstand you utterly broken before your face. And then all these different things.

God blesses us. This is a covenant promise. With Israel, physical, yes. But now that we have become spiritual Israel, we partake in this same covenant.

That God does promise us blessings, even physical, if we obey him. Keep all of his commandments.

That includes the Ten Commandments, giving tithes, putting God first, serving others, and keeping the biblical holy days.

And keeping the biblical holy days. It includes all of that and more. And if we do all of that and love the Lord with all of our heart and mind and soul, there will be some physical blessings, not just spiritual, but physical blessings.

Now he's not promising us that we're going to own a beach house or a Mercedes, but that there will be some blessings. You think of Joseph, how the Bible says, everything his hand touched to go, turned to go.

We don't need that much blessings, but we could use some blessings. Amen. Who doesn't want blessings? Who doesn't want some financial prosperity?

Now we're never going to turn into that. What you see out there in the world, the prosperity gospel, where they focus on riches and money and financial success in every sermon, every week, every month, every year.

We're never going to turn into that. But we must be a full gospel ministry. And part of the gospel includes the covenant blessings and curses. The curses if we disobey.

We can't just ignore the financial blessings just because we don't want to be one of those prosperity gospel ministries.

We can't ignore this part of scripture. It is part of scripture. It is. There's nothing wrong with those preachers getting up there and saying that God will prosper you.

There's nothing wrong with that. The only thing wrong with it is they're doing it in every sermon and over-focusing and making it, making money and gold their God.

That's the problem. It's not wrong to preach that God will prosper you. But we have to realize that the measurement in which God will prosper you is probably not going to be gold and mansions and the most fancy cars and the things you

don't really need.

Sometimes he might bless you with some of these things, like he did Joseph and David, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. They were all eventually became rich eventually with tons of land, tons of land, tons of servants, tons of wives, tons of children, tons of cattle and oxen.

But we don't have to measure success in great magnitude. Really all we need, the Bible does say, be content if you close your food, what you have.

We know the Bible warns about the riches, being rich and not to keep treasures on the earth.

We know all these things, but neither can we ignore or deny that God can and will sometimes bless us in certain measures physically. Amen.

Let's look at the book of Luke, Luke chapter 6. But as we turn to Luke, I'm thinking back of what we just read, that it was conditional, if, if, if, if you will keep these commandments. Amen.

The prosperity gospel, evangelists, they don't put a lot of those conditions on there, except for given tithes, but they don't put the condition about the Sabbath, the biblical holy days. Amen.

But Deuteronomy 28 is not about given tithes all by itself, but rather all the commandments of God.

Tithe is only part of it. Amen.

In Luke 6 verse 38. Give and it should be given to you. They will pour into your life a good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, for by your standard of measure, it will be measured to you in return. Amen.

This is not an unconditional blessing. I'm just going to bless you just because you believe in me. But rather it is conditional about how much you give.

Is it not? Amen. Amen. How much you give. By what measure that you give, it will be measured back to you in return. Too many people want the free gifts without any work, without any wages, without any effort, just grace, just mercy, just free gift.

Babylon is very well known for teaching free gift, free grace, free mercy, no conditions, no obedience required. Just believe and it's all given to you for free. And everything's already been worked out for you and everything's already been accomplished and the devil's already been defeated and you don't have to do nothing.

Just believe and everything comes to you as a free gift. Entitlement. Entitlement. Amen.

Babylon teaches the mentality of entitlement, that you are entitled, that God owes you free gift of everything unconditional.

But here in Luke 6 verse 38, give and it should be given back to you according to the measure in which you measured with.

If we give grudgingly, if we give to people or to God only because we're required to give and not from our heart, not out of love, but only as a command, then God will also give to you only what he's required to, if anything, and not out of his heart.

He'll keep his covenant. He'll keep his promises. Those are requirements. If we do, if we treat God that way, then he'll treat us that way.

By what measure we measure with, he will measure back. Amen. A lot of people won't give ten percent, even though that's an extremely, extremely tiny, small amount.

But they don't want to give even that much. They fight it with all their power. But we should give over ten percent. The Bible teaches not only tithes, but also offerings, free will offerings.

And I don't care whether you're in prison or if you're a poor person in Nigeria. I don't care where you live or how much money you don't have.

If you never give to other people, or you give only when you're required or commanded, or when you have to, then God will not bless you very much, if any.

But if you give based upon, you see, the need, and you give out of love and compassion, and you sacrifice of your own little bit that you have, your own little bit, even though you are poor, even though people should be giving to you, if you still give, then God will give to you because you sacrificed of your own little tiny bit.

Think of the widow in the New Testament that gave her her small little widow's mite.

Very tiny, the smallest coin. I've got one of those upstairs on the shelf, an actual, real mite coin from that day, from that time.

Tiny little thing, just a tiny little thing. You don't have to give a whole bunch if you have almost nothing.

But everyone, even people on disability checks, Social Security checks, you need to give.

But this does come natural. I've always known my whole life that the poorest of the poor are the people that give the

most by nature.

I've always seen that, always experienced that. The more money somebody does have, the less they give.

But the less somebody has, the more they give. Because poor people know what it's like to suffer and they don't want to see other people suffer.

They have a greater heart, they have bigger hearts because of the sufferings they had to endure.

But yet they will make themselves suffer even more so that somebody else don't have to suffer as much.

This is why God does not bless the rich, but rather he blesses the poor. And yet he keeps them poor.

We're not promised that he'll give us Mercedes and streets of gold here on earth in this life.

But he makes a way for us to survive and eventually prosper and there will be seasons of prosperity.

There will be seasons in our life in which we will see the blessings of God return to us.

What we have given comes back eventually. It may not be the same day. It may not be the same month or even the same year sometimes. Sometimes you're going to have to really, really wait on it, but it will come.

It will come. Those seasons of blessings will be poured out from heaven.

Look at Colossians 3 verse 17. Whatever you do in word or deed, in works, do all in the name or authority of the Lord Jesus.

Give and thanks through him to Theos the father. Look at verse 23. Whatever you do, do your work heartily as for the Lord rather than for people. Whatever you're doing, doing it as you're doing it for God.

Because keeping in your mind that you're not here just to pay bills. You're here to serve God.

And even though it says do as if you're doing this for God and not for man, we are here to serve God and mankind both.

We know that throughout scripture. But that verse is saying that do your work as if you're working for God and not just for a human all by himself.

How many people apply that? Amen. How many Christians, so called, applies that verse? You have Christians working that act like they don't want to be there.

They have no passion in their work, that don't work hard, that don't care what their work looks like.

That has no pride in their work. That's not working as if you're doing it for God. Amen.

When we sing in our worship service, as I said a few weeks ago, we should sing as if God is right there in front of us because he is.

And we're singing to him. And we should sing to him the songs he likes, not the songs we like.

This is why I cannot stand these rock and roll churches that sings and plays the music that is for their own glory and their own will and their own taste of the music they like.

That sounds like no different very much from just turning on the radio, listening to the old classic rock.

The same electric guitar vibration to it, the same energy to it. You can play the same music and just change the words.

It's basically what they've done. We're singing to an old man, an agent man, a Middle Eastern man.

God is old, agent, with a Middle Eastern mentality, and yet people want to worship him with a modern, western, rock and roll mentality.

And is very sickening to God, very sickening. That's not treating God with holiness.

That's not treating God as if he is holy. It's treating God like if he is your drug addict buddy.

And you're just sitting around in the basement drinking beers and listening to music together instead of worshiping the holy agent God. Amen?

Amen. Whether we're, whatever type of work we're doing, whatever type of task we got going on in our lives, whatever we do, do it for the glory of the Lord and do it for other people, to serve people, to serve the church, to serve the gospel, to serve the kingdom, to fund the church, to fund your neighbors.

Yes, take care of your wife and kids, yes, but don't forget your neighbor. Amen? You pull up to the fuel pump, fill up your car, you got ten dollars to fuel up with, but you see somebody else paying with only one dollar, and that's all they got at the fuel pump.

They're right in front of you and they're like, here's a dollar, give me a dollar's worth of fuel please, and you take half and you give it to them.

Here, get you five dollars more. You didn't have much for your own car to begin with, but you gave to somebody else in need, God will return that.

I'm living testimony that if you sacrifice and put others first and God first, that eventually he'll return the blessings.

But you shouldn't do this just so that you can get the blessings. It needs to come from the heart.

It needs to come from a knowledge of reality that we are here to serve God, not just make money and pay the bills and

survive.

We're here to serve God and to serve one another. We cannot serve God and serve one another if we're putting ourselves first every day, every week, every month. Amen?

We need to sacrifice more of ourselves, our will, our needs, our wants. We need to sacrifice more of ourselves, our will, our needs, our wants, our desires.

We need to sacrifice more of ourselves, crucify ourselves more, and put God, God and other people higher and higher and higher as a priority in our lives.

And we will see the blessings. We will. So that when we get older, and yes, we have suffered a lot, but as you get older and weaker in your body, that you'll see the blessings return to you in your time of need when you can't work as hard. When you no longer can walk 10 miles to work. When you no longer can stand on the street corner and beg for money for somebody else.

That God will give you a green pastures to lay in. Amen? Verse 17, whatever you do, do it in the name of the Lord, giving thanks to him. Amen?

Let's go to 1 Corinthians 10, verse 31. Whatever you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all for the glory of God, even eating, even drinking.

Do it for the glory of God. That's realizing that your body is not your own, that you should watch what you put in your body.

Your body is the temple of the Lord. How dare you defile the temple of the Lord with the most grossest, nasty-filled chemicals, preservatives, toxic pesticides, cigarette smoke, marijuana. Amen?

Just hung up. So, when we eat and drink, we don't do the halal. Amen? When we eat and drink, we don't do the halal because we don't want to defile the temple of God with things sacrificed to idols. Amen?

We're careful what we put in our mouths. We want to exercise. We want to take care of our temples.

We want to take care of our bodies. We don't want to be a hundred pounds overweight because that's not taking care of the temple of God.

We should appreciate what God has given us. If we can't appreciate what God's already given us, our bodies.

If we can't appreciate our bodies, why is God going to give us or bless us in other physical ways?

If we're calling our bodies wicked and evil, amen? When it's not, amen? Being thankful for our bodies. Treating our bodies correctly.

Treating our bodies as the temple of the Lord, not vandalizing our bodies with tattoos and graffiti.

I'm sure you would get arrested if you go to Israel and start spray painting the temple wall, or what they call it, the Western Wall, as illegal. Amen?

And in the time in which the actual temple actually stood, I'm sure you would have suffered a great consequence of putting graffiti on the walls of the temple. Amen?

And yet people put graffiti on their temples, on their physical temples of their flesh.

And all that money that they waste on it, hundreds of dollars, cut into it. And all that money that they waste on it, hundreds of dollars, covering their flesh with these tattoos is disgusting.

And a lot of it is very ugly work. A lot of it is not colorful, just all blue or all black.

You can't even make out the design. You can't even make out what's on them. A lot of it is absolutely ugly tattoos. Not even beautiful artwork.

It's ridiculous. All those hundreds of dollars that they continue to waste every year on another tattoo, and another tattoo, and another tattoo, and another piercing, and another piercing, and another piercing, because they think it's cool.

And they're vandalizing what's supposed to be the temple of God. Amen. Their own glory. Their own glory.

They get the tattoos for their own glory, while wasting all that money that could be used for God and for other people.

And these same people will complain about the government not helping the poor, while they're spending literally hundreds of dollars a month on cigarettes, hundreds of dollars a month on marijuana, and hundreds of dollars a year on the tattoos, but complain about what the government is doing, not helping the poor, when they themselves have wasted literally thousands of dollars per year on trash, instead of helping people that they personally know in their own lives that could have benefited from that \$2,000.

Hypocrites. Amen. Amen. Whatever you do, do it for the Lord. Sacrifice Him. Sacrifice Him, your own will. Sacrifice Him, what little that you've got to help the Church, to help the Gospel, to help all the brothers and sisters in Christ, in the ministry, in the Church, in other nations.

And other people you know, even outside the Church, people inside the Church according to the Bible, or the greater

priority.

It says, especially those of the household of faith. So yes, you prioritize people in the Church.

Romans 12, verse 1. Therefore I urge you, brethren, basically urge you, it's like I'm begging you, by the mercies of Theos, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to Theos, which is your reasonable service of worship.

And be not conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of Theos is, that which is good and perfect and acceptable. Amen.

If they was to test everything they do in their lives, they would not be getting the tattoo.

They would not be spending a hundred dollars a month on cigarettes, if they would use these verses right here, these two verses right here.

And you, as the chosen people of God, should be using these two verses as your motto in life to guide you and your decisions. Amen.

I know you've got to pay your rent, your electric bill, I know you've got to do these things.

But, I think there are some of you that if you was to give more, sacrifice more of your own needs, of your own wants, of your own priorities, God would bless you more.

You might not see it the same month, but that is the way God works. That if he sees that if you are humbling yourself and putting others first, he will reward you. And the greater reward in the kingdom. Amen.

Philippians 2, verse 3. Do nothing from selflessness. Do nothing from selflessness or empty conceit.

But with humility of mind, regard one another as more important than yourselves. Do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others. Amen.

Sometimes that's hard if you don't have very much yourself. But just because it's hard, doesn't mean you should not do it. Amen.

Sacrifice is supposed to be hard. It's not sacrifice if it's not hard. It's not. Amen.

If it's not hard, it's not sacrifice. So if your so-called sacrifice, if your so-called measurement of giving to other people has not been hard, then you have not given enough, period. Amen.

That's a great meme, right? If the measure of what you have given to either the church or to other people, if it has not been hard, then you've not given enough.

If you want great prosperity, then you must have great sacrifice. Amen. Everybody wants the free stuff, the free blessings, the free gifts, without the wages, without the hard work, the entitlement.

But God is of the mentality, the agent Middle Eastern mentality that you receive what you work for.

And if you're not going to work for it, if you're not going to have the sacrifice, and you're not willing to put in the hard work, then you don't deserve the blessings.

The Sabbath is a little bit of a sacrifice, keeping the Sabbath, not working on that day in which is the primary day of a lot of people, or working in retail.

If you're not willing to make that sacrifice, then God's not willing to apply His sacrifice of His blood to your life.

Then God's not willing to apply His sacrifice of His blood to your soul. He's not.

If you're not willing to sacrifice the seventh day of the week as a day off from work, and pursuing money and carnal interests and sports, then God will not apply His sacrifice of His blood upon your soul. Amen?

The blessings of God are conditional, both in the New Testament and Old Testament, both.

The blessings of God are conditional, not just belief. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit.

Do it for the glory of God, whether it's football, your job at work, work around the house, making money, paying your bills.

Change your mentality and transform your mind into the mentality that you need to give to God, to the ministry in your nation, that you need to print out flyers, distribute flyers, put a certain amount of money and time and effort in doing that in your nation, in your community, in your city, gospel tracts, flyers, signs, other ways.

Be creative. Use your brain. How can you convert \$10 into some form of evangelism in your community locally, there where you are?

I can't travel into those other nations, but you are there in those other nations.

You should be my hands and feet. You should be the hands and feet of the Lord Jesus Christ in your nation.

And put in some work. I know not everybody can do the same amount, but even the poor in time, even the poor in body, even the poor in spirit, even the poor in money, can do more than the poor in money.

You can do more than that. You can do more than that. Even the poor in body, even the poor in spirit, even the poor in money, can do more than what you're doing. Amen.

Change your mentality just like the football team did in that movie, Facing the Giants.

And you will become a winner. You're not promised all the gold and silver that you can handle, but there will be seasons of prosperity, blessings that he will return to you.

And that is a covenant promise in Scripture. We're going to put on a song and then we'll be back with your questions, your comments, your testimonies, your songs, your sacrifice of praise, your sacrifice of testimony to contribute to these services. Amen.

We'll put on a song and we'll be right back.

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