



WORLD CHANGER • Part 4

REDEFINING SUCCESS

SUCCESS IS NOT IN STUFF

Luke 12:15

¹⁵ Then he said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; **life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.**"

Luke 12:29-34

²⁹ And **do not set your heart on what you will eat or drink**; do not worry about it. ³⁰ For the pagan world runs after all such things, and your Father knows that you need them. ³¹ But **seek his kingdom**, and these things will be given to you as well. ³² "Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will never fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For **where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.**

SUCCESS IS NOT IN SMARTS

1 Corinthians 13:2

² If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom **all mysteries and all knowledge**, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am **nothing**.

SUCCESS IS NOT IN POWER

Luke 9:46-48

⁴⁶ An argument started among the disciples as to which of them would be the greatest. ⁴⁷ Jesus, knowing their thoughts, took a little child and had him stand beside him. ⁴⁸ Then he said to them, "Whoever welcomes this little child in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. For it **is the one who is least among you all who is the greatest.**"

SUCCESS IS NOT IN STATUS

Luke 20:45-47

⁴⁵ While all the people were listening, Jesus said to his disciples, ⁴⁶ "**Beware of the teachers of the law.** They like to walk around in flowing **robes** and love to be **greeted with respect** in the marketplaces and have the **most important seats** in the synagogues and the **places of honor** at banquets. ⁴⁷ They devour widows' houses and for a show make lengthy prayers. These men will be punished most severely."

Matthew 23:11-12

¹¹ **The greatest among you will be your servant.** ¹² For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.

SUCCESS IS NOT IN ACCOMPLISHMENT

Mark 8:34-36

³⁴ Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵ For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. ³⁶ **What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul?**"

SUCCESS IS IN THE CHRIST LIFE

Philippians 3:7-12

⁷ But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸ What is more, **I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord**, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ ^{9a} and be found in him... .. ^{12b} **I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me.**

John Ortberg

This is what might be called "the way of the saint." A saint doesn't try to grab worth through an endless race of achievement, but receives worth by grace. A saint does not choose as an ultimate value self-fulfillment, but self-giving love. A saint does not seek glory, but gives glory to a glorious God. A saint does not impose her will, but surrenders it to a good God. A saint does not resent serving, but embraces it. (from *Who Is This Man?*)