

ROOTED – Part 12 Finding the Path to True Success

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1. Be clear about your _____.

3 John 2 (AMP), "Beloved, I pray that in every way you may **succeed** *and* **prosper** and be in good health [**physically**], just as [I know] your soul prospers [**spiritually**]."

Psalm 1:1-3 (NLT), "¹Oh, the joys of those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or stand around with sinners, or join in with mockers. ²But they delight in the law of the LORD, meditating on it day and night. ³They are like trees planted along the riverbank, bearing fruit each season. Their leaves never wither, and they prosper in all they do."

Psalm 1:4-6 (NLT), ⁴⁴ But not the **wicked**! They are like worthless chaff, scattered by the wind. ⁵ They will be **condemned** at the time of **judgment**. Sinners will have no place among the godly. ⁶ For the LORD watches over the **path of the godly**, but the **path** of the **wicked** leads to **destruction**."

2. Don't make a _____ with the _____.

Psalm 1:4 (NLT), "But not the **wicked**! They are like worthless chaff, scattered by the wind."

Jeremiah 17:9 (NLT), "The human heart is the most deceitful of all things, and desperately wicked. Who really knows how bad it is?"

Mark 8:36 (NIV), "What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul?"

Proverbs 12:3 (NLT), "Wickedness never brings stability, but the godly have deep roots."

3. Live in preparation for _____

_day.

Psalm 1:5 (NLT), ⁵ They will be **condemned** at the time of **judgment**. Sinners will have **no place** among the godly."

Hebrews 9:27-28 (NIV), ^{"27} Just as people are **destined** to die once, and after that to **face judgment**, ²⁸ so Christ was sacrificed once to **take away the sins of many**; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to **bring salvation** to those who are **waiting** for him."

Romans 13:12-14 (NLT), "¹²The night is almost gone; the day of salvation will soon be here. So, remove your dark deeds like dirty clothes, and put on the shining armor of right living. ¹³Because we belong to the day, we must live decent lives for all to see. Don't participate in the darkness of wild parties and drunkenness, or in sexual promiscuity and immoral living, or in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, clothe yourself with the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ. And don't let yourself think about ways to indulge your evil desires."

4. Choose the _____ path.

Psalm 1:6 (NLT), "For the LORD watches over the path of the godly, but the path of the wicked leads to destruction."

Psalm 37:23, (NLT), "The steps of the **godly** are **directed** by the Lord. He **delights** in **every detail** of their lives."

Proverbs 14:12, "There is a **path** before each person that **seems right**, but it ends in **death**."

Proverbs 3:5-6, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight."

Psalm 37:4-5, "Delight yourself in the Lord; and He will give you the desires of your heart. **Commit your way to the Lord**, trust also in Him, and He will do it."