



Processing Success

FULFILLMENT

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*"The crucible is for silver and the furnace is for gold, and a man is tested by his praise."
Proverbs 27:21*

*"I know how to be brought low and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have
learned the secret of facing plenty."
Philippians 4:12*

- The apostle Paul worked to win.
"Run so that you may obtain it [the prize]." 1 Corinthians 9:24
- The apostle Paul expected to win.
"But thanks be to God who in Christ always leads us to triumphal procession." 2 Corinthians 2:14
- Though he knew suffering was always part of the process, Paul lived with his eye on the glory of Christ.
"For I consider the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing to the glory that is to be revealed to us." Romans 8:18
- No matter how much adversity he faced, he knew that God was always redeeming all circumstances.
"For we know that in all things God works for the good of those that love Him, that have been called according to His purpose." Romans 8:28 NIV '84
- King David learned to process success.
"And the Lord gave victory to David wherever he went." 2 Samuel 8:14

Steps To Process Success

- 1. Rejoice.** Declare that victory belongs to the Lord.
"A horse is made ready for battle, but the victory belongs to the Lord." Proverbs 21:31

"These also King David dedicated to the Lord together with the silver and gold he dedicated from all the nations he subdued." 2 Samuel 8:11
- 2. Learn to celebrate.** Give yourself and others around you permission to enjoy success.
"I know how to abound...I have learned the secret of facing plenty." Philippians 4:12
- 3. Give proper credit to others.** Learn to deflect praise to others who contributed to your success.
"Bless the Lord, oh my soul, and forget not all His benefits." Psalm 103:1-2

"May the Lord grant mercy to the household of Onesiphorus, for he often refreshed me and was not ashamed of my chains." 2 Timothy 1:16
- 4. Never receive undue praise.**
"Then I fell down at His feet to worship him [and angel], but he said to me, 'You must not do that! I am a fellows servant with you...worship God.'" Revelation 20:10
- 5. Use your success to empower others.**
"And then David put garrisons in Aram of Damascus and the Syrians became servants to David and brought tribute. And the Lord gave victory to David wherever he went." 2 Samuel 8:6
- 6. Rebuke the sins of pride, entitlement and laziness.** You can enjoy the benefits of God's favor without thinking that you are more deserving.
*"In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle... David remained at Jerusalem."
2 Kings 11:1*
- 7. Stand against the devil.** He is motivated to destroy every success.
"Away from me, satan, for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God and serve Him only.'" Matthew 4:10

(In many ways, the three temptations of Christ Matthew 4:1-11 were temptations of Christ's success.)
- 8. Live with an I-expect-to-win mindset.**
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