

What We Need to Succeed in the Lord's Ministry

- Psa 1:1-3 ¹ Blessed *is* the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the path of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful; ² but his delight *is* in the law of the LORD, and in His law he meditates day and night. ³ He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth its fruit in its season, whose leaf also shall not wither; and whatever he does shall prosper.
- Deut 29:9 Therefore keep the words of this covenant, and do them, that you may prosper in all that you do.
- 2 Chr 7:14 if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

1. Power from above

- Acts 1:8 But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”
- Zech 4:6 So he answered and said to me: “This *is* the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: ‘Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,’ says the LORD of hosts.

2. People-based ministry

- Prov 29:18 KJV Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he.
- John 4:35 Do you not say, ‘There are still four months and *then* comes the harvest’? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest!
- Matt 4:19 Then He said to them, “Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.”
- Prov 11:30 The fruit of the righteous *is* a tree of life, and he who wins souls *is* wise.
- Matt 9:12 When Jesus heard *that*, He said to them, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick.

3. Protocol properly practiced

- Acts 6:1-4 ¹ Now in those days, when *the number of* the disciples was multiplying, there arose a complaint against the Hebrews by the Hellenists, because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution. ² Then the twelve summoned the multitude of the disciples and said, “It is not desirable that we should leave the word of God and serve tables. ³ Therefore, brethren, seek out from among you seven men of *good* reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business; ⁴ but we will give ourselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the word.”

4. Prevention against evil influences

- Matt 17:21 However, this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting.”
- Mark 9:29 So He said to them, “This kind can come out by nothing but prayer and fasting.”

5. Practice biblical giving

- Acts 1:8 But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”
- Gal 6:10 Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.
- Prov 3:27 Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in the power of your hand to do so.
- Luke 6:38 Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you.”