

# WHY SOME GRADUATES WILL NOT SUCCEED!

Joshua 1:8, "This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and **then thou shalt have good success.**"

## I. They Will Not Prioritize Their Life

Matthew 6:33, "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."

Philippians 3:13-14, "Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

### A. They Live For Today And Not Tomorrow

Matthew 6:34, "Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof."

Proverbs 27:1, "Boast not thyself of to morrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth."

### B. They Choose To Walk In Their Flesh And Not In The Spirit

Romans 8:4, "That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit."

### C. They Do Not Number Their Days

Psalms 90:12, "So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom."

## II. They Give Into Their Wants Instead Of Waiting For God's Best

Psalms 37:34, "Wait on the LORD, and keep his way, and he shall exalt thee to inherit the land: when the wicked are cut off, thou shalt see it."

### A. They Make Foolish Choices That Can't Be Undone

2 Samuel 18:33, "And the king was much moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept: and as he went, thus he said, O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! would God I had died for thee, O Absalom, my son, my son!"

### B. They Do Not Take Initiative

Ecclesiastes 9:10, "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest."

### C. They Do Not Have A Teachable Spirit

Proverbs 10:8, "The wise in heart will receive commandments: but a prating fool shall fall."

Proverbs 12:15, "The way of a fool is right in his own eyes: but he that hearkeneth unto counsel is wise."

## III. They Are Not Wise Beyond Their Years

### A. Joseph

Genesis 39:4, "And Joseph found grace in his sight, and he served him: and he made him overseer over his house, and all that he had he put into his hand."

Genesis 39:21, "But the LORD was with Joseph, and shewed him mercy, and gave him favour in the sight of the keeper of the prison."

Genesis 41:39-41, "And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, Forasmuch as God hath shewed thee all this, there is none so discreet and wise as thou art: Thou shalt be over my house, and according unto thy word shall all my people be ruled: only in the throne will I be greater than thou. And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, See, I have set thee over all the land of Egypt."

## B. Daniel

Daniel 1:8, "But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank: therefore he requested of the prince of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself."

Daniel 2:47-48, "The king answered unto Daniel, and said, Of a truth it is, that your God is a God of gods, and a Lord of kings, and a revealer of secrets, seeing thou couldest reveal this secret. Then the king made Daniel a great man, and gave him many great gifts, and made him ruler over the whole province of Babylon, and chief of the governors over all the wise men of Babylon."

## C. King Josiah

2 Kings 22:1-2, "Josiah was eight years old when he began to reign, and he reigned thirty and one years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Jedidah, the daughter of Adaiah of Boscath. And he did that which was right in the sight of the LORD, and walked in all the way of David his father, and turned not aside to the right hand or to the left."