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Me Be Brave One Day!

(Until you've defined success, you won't be)
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Success Gone Wrong

We become **credit-takers**.

We become **glory-seekers**.

We become **self-obsessed**.

We become **blind to the horizon**.

3 Down Sides of Success

The down side of **sustainability**.

The down side of **futility**.

"So my heart began to despair over all my toilsome labor under the sun. For a man may do his work with wisdom, knowledge and skill, and then he must leave all he owns to someone who has not worked for it. This too is meaningless and a great misfortune. What does a man get for all the toil and anxious striving with which he labors under the sun? All his days his work is pain and grief; even at night his mind does not rest. This too is meaningless. . . ." (Ecclesiastes 2:20-25 NIV)

"For the creation was subjected to frustration, . . ." (Rom 8:20)

The down side of **legacy**.

"A man can do nothing better than to eat and drink and **find satisfaction in his work**. This too, I see, is from the hand of God, for

without him, who can eat or find enjoyment?"
(Ecclesiastes 2:20-25 NIV)

How I Define Success

Success is to **embrace a confident calling**.

"For many are called, but few are chosen." (Matt 22:14 (KJV))

"As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. 'Come, **follow me**,' Jesus said, 'and I will make you fishers of men.' At once they left their nets and followed him. When he had gone a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John in a boat, preparing their nets. Without delay he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him." (Mark 1:16-20)

Success is to **fully be where I am**.

Success is to **love the ones I'm with**.

Success is to **keep my eyes on the prize**.

"As they were walking along the road, a man said to him, 'I will follow you wherever you go.' Jesus replied, 'Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head.' He said to another man, 'Follow me.' But the man replied, 'Lord, first let me go and bury my father.' Jesus said to him, 'Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God.' Still another said, 'I will follow you, Lord; but first let me go back and say good-bye to my family.' Jesus replied, '**No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God.**'" (Luke 9:57-62 (NIV))