

True and Lasting Success



“Success for ever waits to crown our efforts, and does so, without stint and with overflowing measure, as soon as we fulfil certain conditions. Success has not to be wrung from life by force and agonising struggle, but it is something that comes to us naturally as water flows from the mountain to the sea. Abundant good is always seeking us, and when we remove the barriers, it quickly makes itself manifest. Rich and abundant success will assuredly crown every life when it is allowed to do so.”

HT Hamblin

From the Preface to “The Fundamentals of True Success”

Introduction

There is no failure in anything God does. Infinite Wisdom is incapable of doing anything imperfectly. In the Spirit, or in the true realm of which we have already spoken, perfect order reigns supreme. Everything is in its place, doing its work perfectly, just at the right time, at the right moment, and doing it perfectly. The Supreme Mind can never make a mistake, be guilty of an error of judgement, or fail in any of its undertakings.

No failure possible

In the real world of the divine order there neither is, nor can be, any failure. All is success. It does not matter how, but in some way, we have fallen in consciousness from this ideal perfection in which we were created; consequently, we fail in many ways, and are unsuccessful to a certain extent in all our undertakings.

It is necessary to understand that God never created perfect sons and daughters. Each one of us has been thought into being by the one Father-Mother, (or God) as a perfect child in the world of ideation – which is the real world. This real world is not a place afar off but is here. It is really a state of consciousness.

A place in the perfect world

In the perfect world of reality, we have our place as a son or daughter of God. If we are literally and actually sons and daughters of God, then, so long as we realise this truth, live in the consciousness of it, think in harmony with it, and keep in touch with this plane of perfect ideation, we can never actually fail, and our life must be in the truest sense of the word successful.

What success is

First of all, what do we mean by success? A successful life may be described as one in which the greatest amount of harmony is expressed. Many make the mistake of concentrating upon material success. This they may gain, but at too great a cost. Successful in one direction, they are unsuccessful in others. I have known many people, successful in material things, whose life in other respects has been a literal hell; of others who have, in their fight for riches and power, lost all capacity to enjoy the real things of life.

Success: true and false

It is a good thing, however, to have a healthy ambition in life, and to be successful in our calling or profession; but to concentrate wholly upon material success spells death to all the finer capacities of true enjoyment and happiness.

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In addition to bringing harmony into the life, true success must also bring lasting satisfaction. While it is not possible to define the word “success”, yet each one of us has an idea in our hearts of what success means to us. If at the end of life, we are satisfied with what we have achieved, we may safely conclude that it has been a successful one.

All can be truly successful

It is not given to all of us to be either great, rich or famous. Most of us would rather not be either. But each in their own way may be successful.

How then can we make life yield up to us that contentment and happiness for which we have an inward craving, and which to us would be true success? How can we stop the horrible failure which seems to dog our footsteps through life? Mere hard work will not do it. Toiling early and late, seven days a week, will not accomplish success. I have known people who have done this for years, and then have lost every penny they possessed. Capacity for work and staying power are very necessary, but of themselves will not bring success.

Material success not everything

Even if material success were won by such means, the life in other directions would be in ruins. If the whole of the attention is directed to material things, then other departments of life go wrong, or we lose all capacity for enjoyment; therefore, our life cannot be called successful, or yield to us any satisfaction.

Two thousand years ago there came one who taught the only way to a real, lasting and satisfying success. This teaching has been too advanced for the mass of people, for only a few have followed it. Possibly more are ready today. In any case, no other method can achieve the desired result. Much of the teaching of psychology and so-called spiritual science with which the world is deluged today can only result in increasing and multiplying the misery, strain and disorder of life on this planet.

Failure of human wisdom

It can produce no other result, for it endeavours to alter life according to human wisdom, by the use of interior mental and spiritual powers. The result can only be disaster and chaos. One person says to himself: "Before my life can be harmonised, I must have money". Another declares: "Before I can be happy, I must get me a husband". Yet another, "If I am to be happy, I must obtain a divorce". Still another: "I must get my son a good position". And so they sit in the silence, calling upon great powers and forces, in order to put the world and their affairs "right", according to their poor, human myopic sight. And what is the result?

Disorder increased

Those who set out to get money find the fruits of their labours as bitter as gall. The one who must have a wife, and the one who must get rid of a husband, sit down at last amidst the ruins of their happiness in the depths of despair. All disillusioned, all desolated, with happiness farther off than ever – apparently gone for ever; although this is not so in reality, for it is possible to "forsake our ways" and get back into the right path.

Christ's recipe for successful living was that we should first find the inner Kingdom, after which all things desirable will be added to us. This inner Kingdom is the world or realm of perfect order and ideation. The realm where both we and our life are forever perfect.

The secret of true success

The truth of Christ's teaching is at once apparent, for it is obvious that if we can only get in touch with this inner perfection, and bring our thoughts into harmony with it, then our life on this material plane must reflect the Divine Order. One who gets in touch with the inner harmony is guided by the Wisdom that is infinite. Consequently, no mistakes are made, and no disorder created.

All will admit that failure in life is due to wrong decisions. After a ghastly failure, we say: "If only I had decided differently all would have been well". Our failure has been due to a wrong choice.

Wise decisions necessary

So long as we are guided by finite wisdom this must ever be the case; for, not knowing all the facts of the case, we cannot of ourselves make a right decision. But if we make contact with the inner realm of perfect ideation - the Christ-realm of Perfection - shutting out all thoughts of exterior things, wisdom and ideas come to us from this Higher Plane through our super-conscious mind, and if we follow these all is well. Naturally this cannot be learnt in a day, but it can be mastered in time.

Until such time comes, one can be helped considerably by working according to the following rules:-

1. Choose that course which is best for the community.
2. Choose that course which is conducive to our highest good.
3. Mix common sense with your decisions. Do not be too altruistic at first especially. But always keep your face to the light, and strive and aspire after the good, the beautiful and the true.

By following the above, you may experience temporary loss, but ultimately you will gain.

One who follows the good and true is helped by invisible forces; everything works together for good, and all that is evil in his life is transmuted into good.

Just think over the above remarkable statement.

Although the teaching of Christ is so simple, yet it is not easy to follow, simply because it is opposed to worldly ideas. Worldly wisdom can never bring true success. The writer is acquainted with the private life of those whom the world looks upon as wonderfully successful, and they are full of trouble and dissatisfaction. Therefore, it is only the Christ-way that can bring real and lasting success and happiness.

Although this way is difficult in one sense, it is the easy way after all. It accomplishes with ease that which men with tremendous strain and effort are attempting to achieve, but all in vain.

The easy way

It is the easy way, for, by uniting ourselves with the Infinite Power, we become channels for its expression. We do not have to slave and toil, becoming weary and worn out, but we simply allow the Infinite Power to work through us. All that we have to do is to be persistent in linking ourselves up to the powerhouse of the universe.

Wisdom and power, ideas and guidance, are all ours if we will only make use of them. The truly successful life is also the carefree life.

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