



Today's Thought: I Could Succeed "if "

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Today we are fasting from the thought: "I could succeed if I had the right surroundings, the right people or the right breaks."

Nonsense! Yet many people believe that if their surroundings were better, they would succeed. If they just moved to a different city or had a better boss or if someone gave them a chance, they would prosper. They use these thoughts as excuses for why things do not get better, or why they do not reach their goals and improve their life. This way of thinking makes people blame others and their circumstances for why they do not change.

Replace that thought with this thought:

1. It is not what surrounds you, but what is inside you that causes success!

2 Corinthians 4:16 says, "Therefore, we do not lose heart. For though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day." Notice, Paul is saying, even when things go the opposite direction on the outside, something good can be happening on the inside.

When things go wrong on the outside, deal with the inside! This is the key to success. And what does God say we should do on the inside? Be renewed, day by day. Be filled with the Word Day by day! Absorb these scriptures day by day, and the INSIDE with OVERTAKE the OUTSIDE!

2. Success or failure in life is created by how you think.

Joshua 1:8 says "...but you shall meditate on the Word of God Day and night...for THEN you shall make your way prosperous and THEN you shall have good SUCCESS."

3. Understand the source of blessing.

Psalms 1:1-3 says, "Blessed is the man that does not walk in the counsel of the ungodly...but he meditates on the Word Day and night. He will be like a tree firmly planted by streams of water, whose leaf does not wither, who bears fruit in his season, and whatever he does, prospers!"

4. The root to true success is a prosperous soul.

3 John 2 says, "Beloved I wish above all things that you would prosper and be in health, even as your soul prospers."

5. Remember Joseph...thrown into a pit by his brothers and sold into slavery.

Genesis 39:2 says, "But the Lord was with Joseph, and so he became a successful man." Notice, even though his surroundings were terrible, HE STILL BECAME A SUCCESSFUL MAN. **He had bad surroundings, bad breaks, was surrounded by bad people, and yet still succeeded BECAUSE GOD WAS WITH HIM.**

6. We create our surroundings, and we create our breaks by the thoughts we think and the choices we make. **Deut. 30:15, 19** says, "I have set before you life and prosperity; or death and adversity" Choose life!

THINK IT & SAY IT:

It's not what surrounds me that determines my success. It is what is inside me.

I will not lose heart. Even when things go wrong on the outside, I am being renewed on the inside by the Word of God, which will bring success in every area of my life.

My success is created by how I think. I agree with God's thoughts and meditate on God's Word Day and night. Success follows me. I prosper in my soul - in my mind. I fill my mind with the richness of God's Word, and therefore it spills over into every area of my life.

Like Joseph, I will not allow my negative circumstances to determine my success or failure. I AM A SUCCESSFUL and PROSPEROUS MAN OR WOMAN, because God is with me. I create positive surroundings and I create good breaks by choosing life today!