

BORN TO WIN - PASTOR TOM GARRETT

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GOD WANTS/WILLS FOR US TO SUCCEED

- God designed you for success. He made you to be a winner. This is true of everyone regardless of the past. God has never destined anyone to live a mediocre life.
 - Psalm 1:1-3 (NKJV) 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.
 - Jeremiah 29:11 (NKJV) For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.
 - This is important for us to understand about God, because most fear, anxiety, worry, and dread, is about the future.
 - Consider
 - (See) Psalm 115:14
 - (See) Deuteronomy 1:11

Our Cultures View vs. God's View of Success

- I believe that we live in a culture that has misrepresented what success is.
 - American Heritage Dictionary: the achievement of something planned desired or attempted; the gaining of fame or prosperity;
 - We live in a culture that defines success as doing something “grand/big” or being well known by all.
 - ...or that success is about rising up social status....
 - It matters where your definitions in life comes from
 - God’s definition of success is being faithful to do what God has given you to do.
 - Because of a distorted definition of success many, Believers under-value themselves because they are waiting for something “grand/big” to happen to them. They are waiting on something that makes them well known or waiting for something that changes their social status before they consider themselves successful.

- But Jesus teaches us what success is in the parable of the talents when He said to two of the three men to whom He had given talents, "...well done good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over (a few things, little things, this small amount) I will make you ruler over many things.
 - In this parable Jesus describes success as faithfully managing and increasing the talent, gifts opportunities, (i.e., the little thing) that you have been given.

QUALIFIED FOR CONTINUAL PROGRESS

- Proverbs 4:18 NKJV But the path of the just is like the shining sun, That shines ever brighter unto the perfect day."
 - Being "born-again" makes the possibility of continual progress available to you/us.

GOD DOES NOT PLAY FAVORITES

- Acts 10:34 "The Peter opened his mouth and said, In truth I perceive that God shows no partiality
- Acts 10:34 (NLT) "Then Peter replied, 'I see very clearly that God shows no favoritism' "
- Deuteronomy 10:17 (NKJV) - For the LORD you God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who shows no partiality nor takes a bribe. [God cannot be bought]
- Job 34:19 (AMP) - {God} is not partial to princes, nor does He regard the rich more than the poor, for they all are the work of His hands.
- Romans 2:11 (AMP) - For God shows no partiality {undue favor or unfairness; with Him one man is not different from another}.
 - There is a tendency to think of someone that we believe to be enjoying more success than we are; especially within the minds of Christians, that even though God loves everyone, evidently He must just love some people more than others
 - What these scriptures teach us today: If anybody has every succeeded, you can succeed. If anybody has every: had a healthy, happy marriage; or a strong, thriving spiritual life; or build a great business/career; or a healthy body; or be debt free; or own their own home;

GOD HAS FIXED OUR FIGHTS

- I Corinthians 10:13 (NKJV) - No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God *is* faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear *it*
- I Corinthians 10:13 (AMP) - No temptation [regardless of its source] has overtaken or enticed you that is not common to human experience [nor is any temptation unusual or beyond human resistance]; but God is faithful [to His word—He is compassionate and trustworthy], and He will not let you be tempted beyond your ability [to resist], but along with the temptation He [has in the past and is now and] will [always] provide the way out as well, so that you will be able to endure it [without yielding, and will overcome temptation with joy].
 - evil can approach us; but God has set the boundaries; because God knows your capacity as an individual (breaking point, tap out point), He will never allow more to come upon you, test/challenge, than you can handle. So what you're going through has a limit); you are going through it with certain rules that have been written about your circumstance or situation, it cannot go beyond - your capacity to bear up under it.
 - It is God's nature to establish boundaries:
 - Genesis 1: Boundaries of light and darkness
 - Psalm 74:17 - He established the boundaries of the earth
 - Proverbs 8:29 He assigned to the sea its limit(boundaries)
 - Deuteronomy 32:8, Acts 17:26 - He set the boundaries for all the Nation/people groups of the earth... He started with on man/ woman and from one blood created all the ethnic group and established the boundaries of where different group of men would live
 - Here's what we need to understand: God knows you better than you do. Therefore God knows your capacity to bear, better than you do. If you're currently experiencing a test, there are two things you can be assured of:
 1. You can endure the test - even at your current level of faith.
 2. God will be faithful to make a way of escape.
 - God is Faithful
 - Faithful to His promises - some 8,810 promises in the Bible and He is faithful to everyone
 - Faithful His compassionate nature -

- Psalms 103:13-14 NKJV - “As a father pities his children, So the LORD pities those who fear Him. For He knows our frame; He remembers that we are dust.”

OUR SUCCESS IS RIGGED BY GOD - He set it up in advance for us to win; all He wants you to do is to trust His Him, and the trust His word.

