

SUCCESS IS NOT A PROOF OF INNOCENCE EVEN IF GOD USES YOU



A GOOD START IS NOT A GUARANTEE FOR A GOOD FINISH

2 Kings 20:12-19; 1 Corinthians 10:12-13

Hezekiah's **beginning of spiritual reforms**

Hezekiah's **poor end of his life**

Life lesson:

*Your beginning walk with Christ is **equally important with its end***

SUCCESS IS OFTEN CONSIDERED AS A FAVOR FROM GOD

Isaiah 10:5-19

Life lesson

*Present culture evaluates people based on success, **but God's measure is different***

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Assyria was a **successful world power**

The Empire's success **does not concord with their moral or ethical lifestyle**

God uses Assyrian Empire **as a tool to discipline disobedient people**

Life lesson:

*Adjust your view of success **according with God's word***

*Definition of success: **obedience to God***

PRIDE LEADS TO DESTRUCTION

Isaiah 10:12-15; 14:12-21; Psalm 19:13; 1 Corinthians 4:7

Everyone can **fall in sin of pride**

Guard against **pride and keep a humble lifestyle and spirit**

Life lesson:

*If obedient people fell into pride you are not exempt of it, **thus watch your heart's condition***

**Life Group Homework/ Bible Study &
Food for Thought for the week of November 3rd, 2019**
(Questions and Scriptures for further study)

NIV – New International Version or where is the case we use ESV- English Standard Version

Quick Review

Looking back at your notes from this week teaching, was there anything new you learned or anything that caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

DIGGING DEEPER

This weekend's message, pastor David spoke about success and its role in our lives. Culturally, success is not necessarily a proof of innocence even when God uses you. In this literary section, King Hezekiah started good and finished his walking poorly. He was successful in multiple areas of life however, pride and self-confidence got in his heart.

Isaiah 10:5-19 “Woe to the Assyrian, the rod of my anger, in whose hand is the club of my wrath! I send him against a godless nation, I dispatch him against a people who anger me, to seize loot and snatch plunder, and to trample them down like mud in the streets. But this is not what he intends, this is not what he has in mind; his purpose is to destroy, to put an end to many nations. ‘Are not my commanders all kings?’ he says. ‘Has not Kalno fared like Carchemish? Is not Hamath like Arpad, and Samaria like Damascus? As my hand seized the kingdoms of the idols, kingdoms whose images excelled those of Jerusalem and Samaria— shall I not deal with Jerusalem and her images as I dealt with Samaria and her idols?’ ” When the Lord has finished all his work against Mount Zion and Jerusalem, he will say, “I will punish the king of Assyria for the willful pride of his heart and the haughty look in his eyes. For he says: “ ‘By the strength of my hand I have done this, and by my wisdom, because I have understanding. I removed the boundaries of nations, I plundered their treasures; like a mighty one I subdued their kings. As one reaches into a nest, so my hand reached for the wealth of the nations; as people gather abandoned eggs, so I gathered all the countries; not one flapped a wing, or opened its mouth to chirp.’ ” Does the ax raise itself above the person who swings it, or the saw boast against the one who uses it? As if a rod were to wield the person who lifts it up, or a club brandish the one who is not wood! Therefore, the Lord, the LORD Almighty, will send a wasting disease upon his sturdy warriors; under his pomp a fire will be kindled like a blazing flame.

2. Read the entire section of 2 Chronicles 29:1-32:33 and 2 Kings 18:1-20:21 to get a whole perspective upon King Hezekiah's life and historical background. Identify his positive actions and beliefs. Discuss his weaknesses and how such mistakes altered king's life's ending.

3. Discuss the following statement” success is not a guarantee for a good finish.” Do you see yourself as a successful person or not? Why? How shall we adjust our living style in the light of such affirmation.

4. Discuss how present culture views successful people and how did Jesus teach us about success?

5. How does pride enter in someone's life? Describe a time when you have dealt with pride and how did you resolve such disastrous sin?

6. Evaluate your heart's condition. Lord Jesus is interested in your Christian formation more than in your accomplishments thus, what areas of your life Jesus Christ's currently alters?