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Values that bring success into every area of our lives.

Principles that we have committed to that bring success:

- 1. Put People First
- 2. Stay Fit
- 3. Take Next Steps

We all have a next step. Find yours and take it. Then help someone else to find their next step and walk with them as they take it.

- This church exists to help you find your "next step" and to empower you to help others to find theirs!
- We constantly are doing this in our natural lives apart from God.

Psalms 37:23 - The steps of good men are directed by the Lord. He delights in each step they take. *TLB* 

- The most important NEXT STEP you can determine in your life is your NEXT STEP SPIRITUALLY.
- People get STUCK because they are looking for the NEXT LEAP.
- Don't try to figure out the next 5 years, determine your NEXT STEP.
- When you put SPIRITUAL THINGS FIRST and GROW SPIRITUALLY, you empower every part of your life to SUCCEED!

I Corinthians 3:9 - For we are God's co-workers. You are God's farmland and God's building. *ESV* 

Isaiah 46:10 - I make known the end from the beginning, from ancient times, what is still to come. I say, 'My purpose will stand, and I will do all that I please. *NIV* 

Revelation 1:8 - "I am the Alpha and the Omega--the beginning and the end," says the Lord God. "I am the one who is, who always was, and who is still to come--the Almighty One." *NLT* 

## 2 QUESTIONS TO ANSWER

- 1. Will YOU or GOD determine your NEXT STEP and WILL YOU TAKE IT?
- 2. What is my NEXT STEP?

## Will YOU or GOD determine your NEXT STEP and WILL YOU TAKE IT?

II Kings 7:3-7 - Now there were four lepers sitting outside the city gates. "Why sit here until we die?" they asked each other. 4 "We will starve if we stay here and we will starve if we go back into the city; so we might as well go out and surrender to the Syrian army. If they let us live, so much the better; but if they kill us, we would have died anyway." 5 So that evening they went out to the camp of the Syrians, but there was no one there! 6 (For the Lord had made the whole Syrian army hear the clatter of speeding chariots and a loud galloping of horses and the sounds of a great army approaching. "The king of Israel has hired the Hittites and Egyptians to attack us," they cried out. 7 So they panicked and fled into the night, abandoning their tents, horses, donkeys, and everything else.) *TLB* 

- Lepers if we stay here we die
- There is always a next step.
- Next steps toward the enemies camp start with natural and often feeble steps, but when God is with you, they turn into power.

Proverbs 16:25 - There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end *is* the way of death. *NKJV* 

God resists the proud, but gives GRACE to the humble.

James 4:6-7,10 – But he gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says: "God resists the proud but shows favor and gives grace to the humble." 7 Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. 10 Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.

Taking your NEXT STEP is an act of humility.

Every part of your everyday life has a NEXT STEP that will either take you into:

- 1. God's provision
- 2. Your own limited resources
- 3. The enemy's territory
- 1. What is my NEXT STEP?
  - Water Baptism
  - Growth Track outlines STEPS to Spiritual Growth