

# Success is Not a Secret 4

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This is a global initiative: Go into all the world and preach the gospel – God so loved the world.

We are called to SCALE the Kingdom of God.

Most initiatives fail because they hit the lid of the leader.

Success is unlimited when you leverage the full capacities of those around you.

### 7 Principles That Bring Success

1. Put People First
2. Stay Fit
3. Take Next Steps
4. Make it Better

*Everyone at Victory Family Church is involved in Making Things Better. We lift the lid for others. Be intentional about asking for help and helping others. Recognize the gifts and talents in your colleagues and family and leverage them. We are better as we work together.*

It is “Make it Better,” not “Make it Perfect.”

- “Make it Better” isn’t a license to pursue perfection or justify perfectionism.
- Nothing that involves people will ever be perfect.

Philippians 1:10 - that you may approve the things that are excellent, that you may be sincere and without offense till the day of Christ *NKJV*

Excellence vs. Perfection

- Excellence is about others.
- Perfection is about you.

There is a difference between “thinking critically” and “being critical.”

Critical people are often trying to meet an unhealthy need in themselves, and that need is a bottomless pit.

- This person cannot build a team
- This person cannot solve organizational problems

This dangerous perspective blinds them from decisions that can better their lives and the lives of those around them.

A critic is a fault finder. Do you know that God is not a “fault finder”?

James 1:5 - If any of you is deficient in wisdom, let him ask of the giving God [Who gives] to everyone liberally and ungrudgingly, without reproaching or faultfinding, and it will be given him. *AMP*

You don't get more involved than dying for those you love.

### **MAKING IT BETTER Requires 4 Things:**

1. WE LIFT LIDS FOR OTHERS.
  - What is a lid
  - Identify the lid: Track, Evaluate, Refine
  - INTENTIONALLY lift lids for others
2. BE INTENTIONAL ABOUT ASKING FOR HELP AND HELPING OTHERS.
  - Pride – No one can do it as well as me.
  - Humility – I am a part of the whole and my success is connected to those I can help and those that can help me.
3. RECOGNIZE THE GIFTS AND TALENTS IN YOUR COLLEAGUES AND FAMILY AND LEVERAGE THEM.
  - Your value isn't your ability to know what needs to be done, but rather to implement what needs to be done.
  - Implementation requires humility and adding the value of those around you.
4. WE ARE BETTER WHEN WE WORK TOGETHER.
  - The reason Victory Family Church is “successful” is because we refused to build the church on the limited gifts of the role of the senior pastor.
  - Most pastors completely ignore the instructions in the Scriptures for their role in the church. A pastor is a “coach” and doesn't belong on the field of play! Virtually nothing that goes on at Victory is directly connected to my direct presence or direct management.

Our decision to empower others to use their gifts and talents have “lifted the lid” for this church.

Success isn't what I accomplish, but what I empower others to accomplish.

The success of others does not diminish my own.

Striving for individual accomplishment over empowering others is ungodly and narrow.