

Success is Not a Secret 5

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Obtaining success in our families trump all other areas of in our lives.

7 Principles That Bring Success

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

We strive to create a culture of "yes." We are united and loyal to the vision God has given our church, and our individual families. We passionately defend our unity and support for that vision.

3 Keys to "OWN IT"

1. A Culture of Yes
2. United Loyalty
3. Passionate Defense

1. CULTURE OF YES

- Start with a "yes" and then define and overcome the obstacles.
- A "culture of yes" will cause you to look to God first and then deal with the obstacles later.
- A wise husband will learn to respond to his wife with a "culture of yes!"

Nothing in our culture defines this value more than our moms. Mary, Jesus mother exemplified a "culture of yes," when she said yes to the impossible.

Luke 1:26-38 – ²⁶ Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, ²⁷ to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ And having come in, the angel said to her, "Rejoice, highly favored one, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women!" ²⁹ But when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and considered what manner of greeting this was. ³⁰ Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary,

for you have found favor with God. ³¹ And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name Jesus. ³² He will be great, and will be

called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. ³³ And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end." ³⁴ Then Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I do not know a man?" ³⁵ And the angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God. ³⁶ Now indeed, Elizabeth your relative has also conceived a son in her old age; and this is now the sixth month for her who was called barren. ³⁷ For with God nothing will be impossible." ³⁸ Then Mary said, "Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her. *NKJV*

Mary humbled herself to the authority of God's Word and chose not to magnify what she felt above His word. She said "YES" first and then figured it out.

A servant follows the commands of their Lord.

The question isn't "what" is on the other side of your decision, but rather "who?"

Moms are a lot like Moses, in that they prepare us for a world they may never see. Moms dream for their children to have a life better than theirs.

What is God dealing with you about that requires "yielding?"

2. UNITED LOYALTY

AT THE ARREST OF JESUS

Mark 14:50 - Then everyone deserted him and fled. *NIV*

John 19:25-26 – ²⁵ Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶ When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Dear woman, here is your son," *NIV*

There are many obstacles that can keep you from being "loyal" to your family and church.

A loyal person isn't someone without fear or fatigue, but rather someone who possesses a greater value than those elements.

3. PASSIONATE DEFENSE

- Nothing of value goes unchallenged.
- We defend what we value and we value what we defend.
- Nothing is more worthy of passionate defense than our families and the family of God.

PAUL IN PRISON IN PHILIPPI

Philippians 1:16 – ...knowing that I am set for the defense of the gospel. *KJV*

SET = PUT IN PLACE

Sarah received strength to conceive when she judged God faithful, who had promised.

Deuteronomy 6:24 - And the Lord commanded us to observe all these statutes, to fear the Lord our God, for our good always, that He might preserve us alive, as it is this day.
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