

A Plan for Success

Hebrews 10:22-25 (NRSV)

²² let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³ Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. ²⁴ And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, ²⁵ not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Giving honor to God, Jesus the Christ, and the Holy Spirit. Giving honor to the children of God. Good morning to my fellow brothers and sisters in Christ. As we look at today's text, Hebrews 10:22-25, our didactic sermon topic is "A Plan for Success."

As you prepare for school, I came to let you know that we are all diligently working towards making sure that you have adequate school supplies, but there is a witness in my spirit that you will need more than a book bag, #2 pencils, and spiral notebooks, etc. You're gonna need some prayer. You're going to need the divine hand of God. You're going to need to plead the Blood of Jesus Christ. O' Yes, you're going to need the guidance of the Holy Spirit. My young brothers and sisters; you're going to need the prayers of the Saints (young and old) and you're going to need the word of God to aid you as you get ready to go back to school and as you get ready for success.

Now, let's get to work. Faith, according to Romans 10:17 says "So then faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God. There is a blessing every time we meet, whether in person or social media to share in the powerful, matchless, holy word of God. Every time the word of God flows from heart to heart with a tremendous level of blessing, authority, power, love, correction and rebuke. It opens up our understanding. The more you hear it (the word), the more your faith grows. I'd like to share some thoughts that will bless you today.

- **Training Ground.** Proverbs 22:6 teach us to train children up the right way, and when old, they will not stray. I am so thankful for every hug, handshake, word of encouragement. I'm also thankful for every spanking, talking-to, stern talk, rebuke, tough-love, and every opportunity to go to church. Train children in the right way, and when old, they will not stray.

The word teaches us that there is power in having a connection with God through the process of training. As parents we serve as one of the first models of what a relationship with God looks like. So momma and daddy need to be seen reading the word of God, in church praising God, and in an active relationship serving God. Can I get a witness?

- **Power of a Clear Mind.** (Avoid Distractions.) Adam shows us the possibilities of operating with a clear mind. In the book of Genesis 2:19-20 which says “So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field. What are you saying preacher? Avoid distractions. Stay focused on your objectives. Keep God first. Stay focused on your objection and do well.
- **There are Obstacles to Overcome.** (Sometimes there are trials in life and you will make some mistakes... Get back up and keep on going forward. There are some situations that might make you cry. You may have been going through a trial, and you may have been up all night long, but there are times when you find out that others are going through times much tougher than yours. You might have pain in your body, but baby someone else may be going through something that would make you cry. You may have pain in your leg, but someone may not have a leg. But you know what I've learned is that Phil. 4:13 is Real... I CAN DO ALL Things through Christ who Strengthens Me. You Can Do All Things through Christ who Strenthens You. WE CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH CHRIST WHO STRENTHENS US!!! You may cry sometimes, tell your neighbor that Weeping May Endure through the Night. But, Understand something beloved; Joy Comes in the Morning. It may seem that the wicked are rising, but Job declared that he wanted to go to a place where the Wicked shall cease from troubling and my weary soul be at rest.

In closing, there is a plan for success. Enjoy your experiences in the training ground. Avoid distractions because there is power in your ability to have a clear mind. There will be some obstacles to overcome and “Yes” you can do it with Christ in your life. So beloved, let us come forward with a true heart in the power of our faith, knowing that our hearts have been sprinkled clean from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water. Hold on and hold fast to the confession of our hope in Christ Jesus; not wavering

because the Lord is faithful in His promises. Provoke one another in love and good works, and let us come together in fellowship, encouraging one another, more and more as you see the Day approaching. There's not a friend like Jesus. I never would have made it. I never could have made it without you. I would have lost it all, but now I see how you were there for me. I can say "I never would have made it. I never could have made it without you. I would have lost it all, but now I see how you were there for me. I can say, "I'm stronger, I'm better, much better, when I look back over all you brought me through, I can see that you were the one I held on to Jesus." Hallelujah, If you have Jesus, you have a plan for success. Amen.