



DEFINING MINISTRY SUCCESS

- **Common ministry beliefs:**

1. If I'm serving according to my spiritual gift, ministry will be easy.
2. People will respond to God's Word the same way I do.
3. Everyone will listen to the counsel and advice I give them.
4. Hard work produces immediate results.

- **What is success?**

- Success is faithfulness. (1 Cor 4:1-2)

Are you growing in your knowledge and obedience of Scripture?

- Success is servicing. (Mark 10:45)

Are you serving others like Christ?

- Success is loving. (Matt 22:37-40)

Do you love God while serving Him?

- Success is believing. (Heb 11:6)

Do you believe what you say you believe?

- Success is prayer. (Eph 6:18)

Are you praying for your group? Prayer brings power to ministry.

- Success is holiness. (Lev 19:2)

God calls us to be holy, as He is holy. Pursuing an unholy life is contrary to God's will and will never yield true success.

- Success is attitude. (Rom 15:13; Num 11:29)

Are you characterized by hope? Do you struggle with jealousy?

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