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HOW TO BE SUCCESSFUL AT BEING SENT

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2 Timothy 2:15 “Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”

THREE TRUTHS TO BE SUCCESSFUL AT BEING SENT

1. To be successful at being sent, you have to understand **YOUR ROLE** in ministry.

“Be diligent to present yourself...”

Hebrews 5:4 “And no one can become a high priest simply because he wants such an honor. He must be called by God for this work, just as Aaron was.”

**You cannot be APPROVED if you
have never IMPROVED.**

**MINISTRY is not a POSITION.
MINISTRY is INFLUENCE.**

John 13:14-15 “And since I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash each other’s feet. I have given you an example to follow. Do as I have done to you.”

1 Timothy 4:12 “Be an example to all believers in what you say, in the way you live, in your love, your faith, and your purity.”

Matthew 4:19-20 “Jesus called out to them, ‘Come, follow Me, and I will show you how to fish for people!’ And they left their nets at once and followed Him.”

1 Corinthians 11:1 “Follow me as I follow Christ.”

**Discipleship requires ACCESS.
When Jesus called His disciples, He
called them to BE WITH HIM.**

A leader is a learner.

Philippians 3:12-14 “I don’t mean to say that I have already achieved these things or that I have already reached perfection. But I press on to possess that perfection for which Christ Jesus first possessed me. No, dear brothers and sisters, I have not achieved it, but I focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us.”

**Stop seeking a better position.
Instead, position yourself to be a
better leader.**

**2. To be successful at being sent,
you have to understand
YOUR REASON for ministry.**

*“Be diligent to present yourself
approved to God...”*

Matthew 22:37-38 “Jesus replied:
‘Love the Lord your God with all
your heart and with all your soul and
with all your mind.’ This is the first
and greatest commandment.”

Ephesians 1:9-11 “God has told us
His secret reason for sending Christ,
a plan He decided on in mercy long
ago; and this was His purpose: that
when the time is ripe He will gather
us all together from wherever we are
- in heaven or on earth - to be with

Him in Christ forever. Moreover, because of what Christ has done, we have become gifts to God that He delights in, for as part of God's sovereign plan we were chosen from the beginning to be His."

John 17:3 Jesus said, "This is eternal life: that people can know You, the only true God, and that they can know Jesus Christ, the one You sent."

If Jesus is not Lord of all then He is not Lord at all.

Deuteronomy 10:12 "Now, Israel, this is what the Lord your God wants you to do: Respect the Lord your God, and do what He has told you to do. Love Him. Serve the Lord your God with your whole being."

**3. To be successful at being sent,
you have to aim for the
RIGHT RESULTS.**

“Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”

**The outcome is God’s responsibility.
Obedience is your responsibility.**

Joshua 3:5 “Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the Lord will do amazing things among you.”

Romans 6:13 “Give yourselves completely to God since you have been given new life. And use your whole body as a tool to do what is right for the glory of God.”

2 Corinthians 5:14-15 “The love of Christ controls us. He died for all so

that those who live would not continue to live for themselves. He died for them and was raised from death so that they would live for Him.”

Romans 12:1 “Brothers and sisters, in view of all we have just shared about God’s compassion, I encourage you to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, dedicated to God and pleasing to Him.”

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