

HOW CAN I BE SUCCESSFUL?
Successfully Living For Christ – Part 1
17th Church Anniversary
James 2:17 (NIV)
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"...Faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead." James 2:17 (NIV)

I. WHAT CAUSES PEOPLE TO GET EXCITED?

(On the positive side)

- **JESUS CHRIST** will get you excited about your life.

...I came that they may have and enjoy life, and have it in abundance (to the full, till it overflows).
John 10:10b (AMP)

II. WHAT CAUSES PEOPLE TO CHANGE?

(On the negative side)

a) PAIN

(The Prodigal Son) *"He spent everything he had ... and he was left without a thing. At last he came to his senses and said ... 'I WILL GET UP AND GO to my Father...'"*
Luke 15:14-18 (TEV)

"Sometimes it takes a painful experience to make us change our ways." Prov. 20:30 (TEV)

b) PRESSURE

(Elijah) *"God said, 'The brook will supply you with water to drink' ... so Elijah went and stayed by Kerith Brook. After a while the brook dried up ... then the Lord said to Elijah, 'NOW GET UP AND GO ...'"* 1 Kings 17:2-9 (Paraphrase)

II. HOW TO STEP OUT AND BE SUCCESSFUL

(Four steps to get you excited about your life)

1. I Must Take Complete Responsibility For My Own Life.

"A man who refuses to admit his mistakes can never be successful. But if he confesses and forsakes them, he gets another chance." Prov. 28:13 (TLB)

2. I Must Realize That I Can Change

"...Let God transform you inwardly by a complete change of your mind." Rom. 12:2b (TEV)

(Jesus said) *"'If you can'?" "Everything is possible for him who believes."* Mark 9:23 (NIV)

3. I Must Decide What I Really Want.

"A double minded man is unstable in all he does."
James 1:8 (NIV)

4. I Must Do It Now!

"LORD, remind me how brief my time on earth will be. Remind me that my days are numbered, and that my life is fleeing away." Ps. 39:4 (NLT)