

TEACHING SERIES

PRACTICAL STEPS FOR **THRIVING**



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Gen 2:15 ESV

15 The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and keep it.



Practical *Steps to* **THRIVING IN** **YOUR CAREER**

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7 DEADLY SINS

(SEVEN THINGS THAT WILL DESTROY US)

- WEALTH WITHOUT WORK
- PLEASURE WITHOUT CONSCIENCE
- KNOWLEDGE WITHOUT CHARACTER
- COMMERCE (BUSINESS) WITHOUT MORALITY (ETHICS)
- SCIENCE WITHOUT HUMANITY
- POLITICS WITHOUT PRINCIPLE
- RELIGION (WORSHIP) WITHOUT SACRIFICE

It is not only essential that you actually enjoy what you do, but also ensure that you contribute wholesomely to your society.

John 10:10 NLT

10 thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life

**God's desire is for everyone to enjoy
their careers. He is very much
interested in the work that we do.**

Job satisfaction has been sacrificed over and over again on the altar of monetary gain. There has to be a shift in the way we think about our work and productivity.

There are three elements that make up job satisfaction

- 1. Right Purpose. (Why am I working?)**
- 2. Right Perspective. (How do I see work?)**
- 3. Right Place. (Where can I work?)**

A combination of these three elements will bring about job satisfaction

**It is important to note that there is
no job on earth designed by God to
give 100% satisfaction**

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2. Right Perspective. (How do I see work?)

i. Work for the Lord.

ii. Work like the Lord.

iii. Expect your reward from the Lord.

3. Right Place. (Where can I work?)

i. Evaluate your past work.

ii. Evaluate your abilities.

iii. Evaluate your work environment.

iv. Evaluate how you naturally relate to other people.

Work is not a curse inflicted on mankind. Work is really God's idea.

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Gen 2:15 MSG

15 “God took the man and set him down in the Garden of Eden to work the ground and keep it in order.”

BECOMING OUTSTANDING IN THE MARKETPLACE

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INTIMACY

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Your success in life (in your sphere of influence) depends a lot on how well you can operate from an intimate relationship with God.

Gen 41:37-40 NIV

37 The plan seemed good to Pharaoh and to all his officials. **38** So Pharaoh asked them, "Can we find anyone like this man, one in whom is the spirit of God?" **39** Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Since God has made all this known to you, there is no one so discerning and wise as you



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AUDACITY

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“Audacity” can be defined as the courage to think big, a willingness to show initiative and take risks while facing the possibility of failure.

Gen 37:5 NLT

**5 One night Joseph had a dream,
and when he told his brothers
about it, they hated him more than
ever.**

Genesis 37:10 NLT

10 This time he told the dream to his father as well as to his brothers, but his father scolded him. “What kind of dream is that?” he asked. “Will your mother and I and your brothers actually come and bow to the ground before you?”

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LIKEABILITY

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Likeability can also be defined as possessing the attractive attitudes and relational skills that causes others to want to work with you.

Gen 39:2-4 CEV

2 So Joseph lived in the home of Potiphar, his Egyptian owner. **3** Soon Potiphar realized that the [Lord] was helping Joseph to be successful in whatever he did. **4** Potiphar liked Joseph and made him his personal assistant, putting him in charge of his house and all of his property

Pro 3:3-4 NLT

3 Never let loyalty and kindness leave you! Tie them around your neck as a reminder. Write them deep within your heart. **4** Then you will find favor with both God and people, and you will earn a good reputation.

Luke 2:52 NLT

52 Jesus grew in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and all the people.

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CAPACITY

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“Capacity” can be defined as potential for growth; the desire to keep learning so you can increase in competence and handle greater responsibility.

Gen 39:5 NLT

5 From the day Joseph was put in charge of his master's household and property, the Lord began to bless Potiphar's household for Joseph's sake. All his household affairs ran smoothly, and his crops and livestock flourished.

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RELIABILITY

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“Reliability” can be defined as earning the trust of others by always keeping your promises and fulfilling your responsibilities even if it requires sacrifice.

Gen 39:6 NLT

6 So Potiphar gave Joseph complete administrative responsibility over everything he owned. With Joseph there, he didn't worry about a thing – except what kind of food to eat! –

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LOYALTY

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“Loyalty” can be defined as being faithful to your boss and God when difficulty tests your commitment.

Gen 39:7-9 NLT

7 Joseph was a very handsome and well-built young man, and Potiphar's wife soon began to look at him lustfully.

“Come and sleep with me,” she demanded. 8 But Joseph refused.

“Look,” he told her, “my master trusts me with everything in his entire household.



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Gen 39:7-9 NLT

9 No one here has more authority than I do. He has held back nothing from me except you, because you are his wife. How could I do such a wicked thing? It would be a great sin against God.”

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INTEGRITY

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**“Integrity” can be defined as practicing
in secret the values and beliefs you
claim to hold in public; not
compartmentalizing your life.**

Gen 39:10 NLT

10 She kept putting pressure on Joseph day after day, but he refused to sleep with her, and he kept out of her way as much as possible

WARNING!!!
**DON'T LET YOUR VOCATION
BECOME AN OBSESSION!**

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Prov. 23:4 (NIV) "Do not wear yourself out to get rich; have the wisdom to show restraint."

Eccl. 10:15 (GN) "Only someone too stupid to find his way home would wear himself out with work."



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Offering Declaration!

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As we pray for new wells of SPIRITUAL revival, we pray for new ECONOMIC wells in EDO STATE and NIGERIA to be created. So Lord we ask you for: Favour for our city with CEO's, Government leaders & Kings. Manufacturing firms that produce goods for the nations and provide new jobs for our people. Technology to establish new markets, energy sources, and efficient solutions to grow as a population.

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Laws & Courts that measure with the justice and the freedom of our land's Constitution. Civil servants that encourage entrepreneurs. Media known for wisdom & truth. Natural resources released, harvested, sold & reproduced. Education, books, and Universities that develop mind moulders who influence the influential.

**Capital to build small businesses that
provide services,**

**Arts and culture attracting both young
and old. Medical community known for
integrity and excellence. Repentance
from poverty, small thinking, and envy.**

**Courage to recognize opportunities
and make wealth.**

**Abundance to bless the world and
the Prudence to save and invest.
Revelation to pass on wealth to our
children's children.**

**So we declare that when the
righteous prosper, the city rejoices!**

Hallelujah!!!!!!

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