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Being Effective and Fruitful

~Am I seeking the right questions?~

'Success'



Joshua 1:8

This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.





**Fruitfulness,
not 'Success'**



3 Insights for why Fruitfulness is the Right Answer

- I. Identity (vv1-4)
- II. Effort (vv5-9)
- III. Glory (vv10-11)



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2 Peter 1:1a

Simeon Peter, a servant...



A lit candle in a metal holder with a white cloth draped over it, set against a dark background. The candle is the primary light source, casting a warm glow on the surrounding objects.

Servant (‘doulos’)



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I. Identity (vv1-4)

The 'Successful' man is just a man

2 Peter 1:1b

To those who have obtained a
faith of equal standing with
ours...



Ephesians 2:8-9

⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹ not a result of works, so that no one may boast



2 Peter 1:1b

To those who have obtained a faith of equal standing with ours by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ.



**We are who we are,
because of the generosity
and faithfulness of
Jesus the Master**



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2 Peter 1:2a

May grace and peace be
multiplied to you



2 Peter 1:2

May grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.



2 Peter 1:3

His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence



2 Peter 1:4a

by which he has granted to us his
precious and very great promises



2 Peter 1:4a

by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature



1 John 3:2b

but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.



2 Peter 1:4b

so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire.



Romans 8:21

**...the creation itself will be set free
from its bondage to corruption...**



**We are who we are,
because of the generosity and
faithfulness of Jesus the Master
- *and this can never be changed!***



**Do not
underestimate the
power of identity in
the vocational
sphere**

**We are who we are,
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*The 'Successful'
man is just a man*



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II. Effort (vv5-9)

The man of faith is a man of fruit

I. Identity (vv1-4)



2 Peter 1:5

**For this very reason,
make every effort...**



John 8:11

And Jesus said, “Neither do I condemn you; go, and from now on sin no more.”



Philippians 4:13

I can do all things
through him who
strengthens me.



Exodus 9:1b

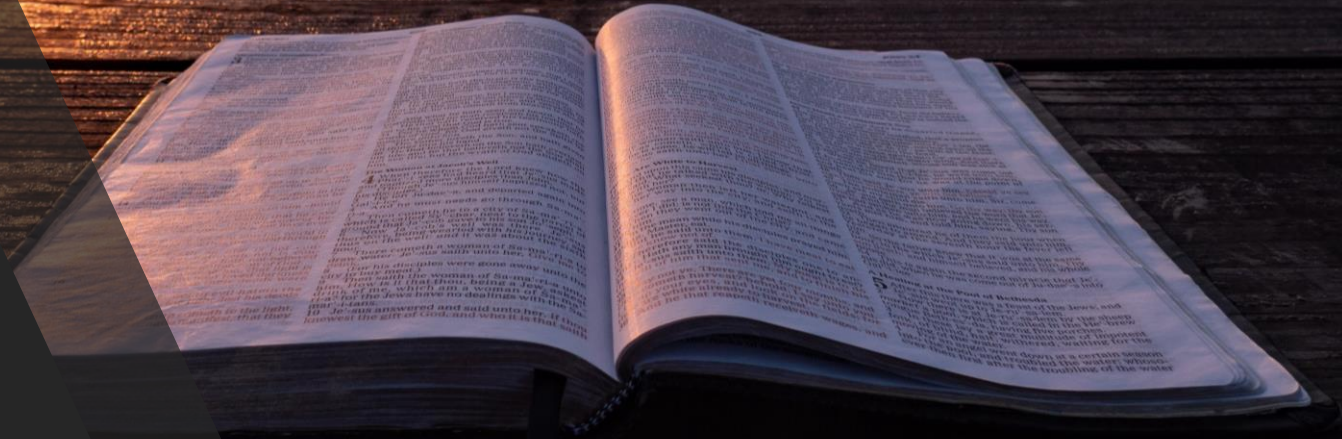
“Let my people go!”



2 Peter 1:5-7

⁵ ...make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, ⁶ and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, ⁷ and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love.

Effort: putting your faith to work




The Qualities (vv5-7)

Virtue	(transforming faith)
Knowledge	(maturing faith)
Self-control	(overcoming faith)
Steadfastness	(enduring faith)
Godliness	(reverential faith)
Brotherly affection	(serving faith)
Love	(Christ-reflective faith)



2 Peter 1:8

For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

A person in a dark sweater is seen from the side, holding a book in their right hand. They are standing in a field with a sunset or sunrise in the background. The scene is dimly lit, with the warm light of the sun creating a soft glow on the horizon. A large, semi-transparent white circle is overlaid on the left side of the image, containing the text.

The man
of faith is
a man of
fruit.



2 Peter 1:9

For whoever lacks these qualities is so nearsighted that he is blind, having forgotten that he was cleansed from his former sins.



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III. Glory (vv10-11)

The fruitful man is the truly successful man

I. Identity (vv1-4)

II. Effort (vv5-9)

2 Peter 1:10

Therefore, brothers, be all the more diligent to confirm your calling and election, for if you practice these qualities you will never fall.



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John 6:68-69

⁶⁸ Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, ⁶⁹ and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God.”



John 6:68-70

⁶⁸...“Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, ⁶⁹ and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God.”


⁷⁰ **Jesus answered them, “Did I not choose you?”**



2 Peter 1:11

For in this way there will be richly provided for you an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.





***The fruitful man
is the truly
successful man***

Mark 8:36

“For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul?”



2 Peter 1:11

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