



### THREE (3) SECRETS TO SUCCESS

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Success is not a mystery. It is not by chance or luck. Those who are successful know and do certain things...

***Proverbs 24:3 says: 3-Through wisdom a house is built; and by understanding it is established. NKJV***

This is why successful people *know* and *do* these 3 things:

1. **Successful People Plan:** Successful people know it takes *a plan* to build anything! A plan is developed by *prayerfully* looking ahead – miles down the road – and working backwards creating a step-by-step road map. So, let's not make the *mistake* of leaving God out of our 'life and plans'. If we do, all our accomplishments will be futile.

*Instead, let us make God our highest priority, and let him do the building, Amen.*

2. **Successful People Have Common Sense:** Successful people use common sense as they employ financial and human resources to build an enterprise. They avoid extremes and find healthy, balanced and intuitive ways to work.

We need to be led by the Spirit as we live by faith and use common sense to build!

*Proverbs 3:5 says; Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. 6 In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. And He shall direct our paths or ways; some people over-spiritualize things by just "letting go and letting God" and often God does not make up the slack for our negligence and lack of common sense. When we have an important decision to make or just plain want to do something, we may sometimes feel that we can't trust anyone—not even God. But God knows what is best for us.*

3. **Successful People Stay on Top of the Facts:** Successful people know how to stay on top of things. They are able to *manage* all kinds of details.

They *know* they can't assume anything, but they must take the initiative to get the best information.

To *be* successful in building and growing something, *we* must inspect what we expect. That is also why as Christians; we should *make* decisions, course corrections, implementations and strategic plans according to the best and most current facts - while including God in ALL of it, who is the very source of all wisdom and understanding.

If success has eluded you, give some prayerful attention to these three ingredients. Spend some time with the Lord, grab a pad of paper and let the planning, common sense and facts help you get started in building a successful life -- whatever it may be!