

GOD,
SUCCESS

AND

FLOURISHING



DEFINITION OF TERMS

SUCCESS

external measure
imposed by world,
culture or society

2 CHRONICLES 16:9

For the eyes of the Lord roam throughout the earth, so that **He may strongly support those whose heart is completely His.** You have acted foolishly in this. Indeed, from now on you will have wars."

FLOURISHING

thriving, being fully
ourselves, Aristotle's
eudaimonia, 'doing
and living well'

**GOD'S STRONG SUPPORT IS
NOT EQUATED WITH SUCCESS**



PSALM 139:13-16 NASB

For You created my innermost parts; You wove me in my mother's womb. ¹⁴ I will give thanks to You, because I am awesomely and wonderfully made; wonderful are Your works, and my soul knows it very well. ¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from You when I was made in secret, and skillfully formed in the depths of the earth; ¹⁶ Your eyes have seen my formless substance; and in Your book were written all the days that were ordained for me, when as yet there was not one of them.



ACTS 17:26-27 NASB

And He made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined their appointed times and the boundaries of their habitation, ²⁷ that they would seek God, if perhaps they might feel around for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us...



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↪ Not mutually exclusive

But sometimes we do
have to **choose one**

“BEING THE BEST WE CAN BE”
– CAN BE INSIDIOUS!

We're not called to go the full distance of where our talents will take us, **but where God leads us.**



Are you willing to give up a
conventional and successful life for
a life of adventure lived for God
and with His leading and backing?



HOW IS THE PERSPECTIVE OF
FLOURISHING THE WAY GOD MADE US
DIFFERENT FROM SUCCESS?

To flourish requires **reflection**,
intentional determination, and **not**
mindlessly going with the flow.



IMPACT & LEGACY

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2 CORINTHIANS 4:16-18 NASB

Therefore we do not lose heart, but though our outer person is decaying, yet our inner person is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷ For our momentary, light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison, ¹⁸ while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal.

