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The Will To Succeed
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Consider the Men's 100 meters sprint, at the international level.

IAAF record progression

1912 10.6s

1924 10.4s

1930 10.3s

1930 10.2s (Jesse Owens)

1956 10.1s

1960 10.0s

1968 9.95s

1988 9.92s (Carl Lewis)

1991 9.86s (Carl Lewis)

2005 9.77s (Asafa Powell)

2009 9.58s (Usain Bolt)

almost 100 years, to make this 1.02 second improvement

The bar is set higher each time.

At the world championship level, 100 meters sprinters must be determined to do better than what has been done in order to succeed in setting a new world record. They must have the will to succeed. They must be determined.

Similarly in life, we must be DETERMINED, that is, we must have THE WILL TO SUCCEED, if we are going to pursue a goal and see it fulfilled.

God is on our side to bless and empower us to succeed.

Psalm 1:1-3

1 Blessed is the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful;

2 But his delight is in the law of the LORD, And in His law he meditates day and night.

3 He shall be like a tree Planted by the rivers of water, That brings forth its fruit in its season, Whose leaf also shall not wither; And whatever he does shall prosper.

He said He teach us, give us wisdom and understanding and will guide our steps.



Psalm 32:8

8 I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will guide you with My eye.

Psalm 37:23,24

23 The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD, And He delights in his way.

24 Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down; For the LORD upholds him with His hand.

Walking by faith in God, along with walking with wisdom must also be coupled with our will to succeed.

We must have determination, an unwillingness to give up, a relentless pursuit of what God has assigned for our lives, a tenacious hold on the goal we are seeking to accomplish, a resolve that we will not quit until we see the mission complete.

#1, Our will to succeed must hold up through challenges (failures, adversity)

Proverbs 24:10 If you faint in the day of adversity, Your strength is small.

Don't quit just because you failed in your first few attempts.

#2, Our will to succeed must hold up through time

A classic Biblical example of determination, the will to succeed is that of Caleb.

Even after 40 years of walking through the wilderness, he held on to the dream he had in his heart, to take a portion of land that was promised to him (Joshua 14:6-14)

#3, Our will to succeed must overcome personal limitations

A) break past limitations put upon you by others

Jabez 1 Chronicles 4:9-10

Imagine being named as a person who causes pain

Jabez would not let that decide who he was going to become.

He prayed and reversed what was put upon him.

B) break past limitations you put on yourself

e.g. laziness or putting in just the minimal Effort

The prophet Elisha and Joash the king of Israel 2 Kings 13:14-19

Joash was in a moment of destiny. He had the opportunity to determine what he would do to the enemy : the Syrians.

He did the bare minimum, and hence the prophet was angry.

How do we keep our will to succeed strong:

1, Remind yourself of God's promises and His assignment

be renewed and revived in your strength through your faith in God



2, Refresh your vision (take a fresh look at the vision)

3, Get encouragement and counsel. Let people speak into your life.

4, Stay encouraged, sometimes by taking small incremental steps that indicate progress.

How are you living life?

How are you pursuing your life goals?

Do you have the will to succeed, the determination that is needed?

We must have determination, an unwillingness to give up, a relentless pursuit of what God has assigned for our lives, a tenacious hold on the goal we are seeking to accomplish, a resolve that we will not quit until we see the mission complete.

Will you pray and ask God to strengthen your will to succeed in your assignment.