

Launching Text: Psalms 1:3 (God desires you to)...be like a tree planted by the rivers of waters that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither & whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

Preaching Text: Phil 4:1-23 Verse 1: Therefore, my brethren dearly beloved and longed for; my joy & crown, so stand fast in the Lord, my dearly beloved.

Intro: God desires that you be successful. The first command was given to man in Genesis 1 when God said in Gen 1:28 be fruitful and multiply, and replenish the earth and subdue it. Everything in that command is for man to be successful. God has not changed His mind. He desires you and me to be successful and notice in verse 1 of our text in Philippians that we must stand fast in the Lord. Stand=Greek=steko (stay-ko)=stationary or perservere. Fast=Greek=nesteia (nace-ti-ah)=sticking to & abstaining from something that would detour. So ultimately to be dressed for success we must be anchored in the Lord. As Romans 13:14 says we are to put on the Lord Jesus Christ and make no provision to fulfill the lust of the flesh. The message today is a help to do just that—dressed for success.

1. TO BE DRESSED FOR SUCCESS, BE HUMBLE AND DON'T GRUMBLE

v2 ...be of the same mind

1-Cor 1:10 Now I beseech you brethren by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing and that there be no divisions among you: but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgement.

Phil 2:3 Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than themselves.

v3....help....(in) labor

Phil 2:14 Do all things without murmurings and disputings:

Rom 12:3 For I say through the grace that was given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think: but to think soberly according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.

1-Peter 5:6 Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God that He may exalt you in due time:

2. TO BE DRESSED FOR SUCCESS, REJOICE BY CHOICE

V4 Rejoice in the Lord always and again I say rejoice.

1-Thes 5:16 Rejoice evermore. (*Rejoice in what the Lord has done*)

Ps 118:24 This is the day that the Lord hath made; we will rejoice & be glad in it. (*Rejoice in what God is doing*)

Joel 2:21 Fear not. O land; be glad and rejoice; for the Lord will do great things. (*Rejoice in what God will do*)

3. TO BE DRESSED FOR SUCCESS, REST IN THE BEST

V5 Let your moderation (your mildness, patience, kindness, meekness, & goodness or the Fruit of the Spirit as in Gal 5:23-24) be known (and shown) unto all men. The Lord is at hand (and present to judge).

v6 Be careful for nothing (or do not let yourself worry about anything for it will bring you to sin);

Matt 11:28 Come unto Me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest.

1-Peter 5:7 Casting all your care upon Him (Jesus): for He careth for you.

Ps 55:22 Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and He shall sustain thee: He shall never suffer the righteous to be moved.

Isa 41:10 Fear thou not, for I am with thee; be not dismayed for I am thy God; I will strengthen thee; Yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.

4. TO BE DRESSED FOR SUCCESS, REQUEST AND CONFESS

V4 Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

Luke 11:9-10 And I (Jesus) say unto you, Ask and it shall be given you: seek and ye shall find: knock and it shall be opened unto you. For everyone that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh, it shall be opened.

John 15:7 If ye abide in Me (Jesus) and My words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will and it shall be done unto you.

1-John 3:22 And whatsoever we ask, we receive of Him (Jesus) because we keep His commandments and do those things pleasing in His sight.

Hebrews 10:23 Let us hold fast the profession (or confession) of our faith without wavering; for He (Jesus) is faithful that promised.

(Worry today will only clutter up tomorrow's opportunities with troubles from yesterday)

5. TO BE DRESSED FOR SUCCESS, RELAX IN THE FACTS

V7 And the peace of God that passeth all understanding shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Rom 8:31 If God be for us, who (or what) can be against us.

Rom 8:28 (Know that He is working everything for our good)

Isa 54:17 No weapon formed against you shall prosper and every tongue that rises up in judgement against thee, thou shalt condemn for this is the heritage of the servants of the Lord and their righteousness is of me saith God.

Num 23:19 God is not a man that He should lie; neither the son of man that He should repent: hath He said and shall not He do it? Or hand He spoken, and shall He not make it good?

6. TO BE DRESSED FOR SUCCESS, RENEW AND CHEW (how? by & on the Word of God)

V8 Finally brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of a good report: if there be any virtue (moral excellence) and if there be any praise, thing on these things.

Eph 4:22-23 That ye put off concerning the former conversation (or life-style) the old man, which is corrupt to deceitful lust: And be renewed in the spirit of your mind (by the Word of God); And that ye put on the new man which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

Joshua 1:8 This book of the law (God's Word) shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous and then thou shalt have good success.

7. TO BE DRESSED FOR SUCCESS, RELY AND COMPLY v9-13

V9 Those things which ye have both learned and received and heard and seen in me do: and the God of peace shall be with you.

v13 I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me.

Prov 3:5-6 Trust in the Lord with all your heart; lean not to your own understanding; In all thy ways acknowledge Him (the Lord); and He shall direct thy paths.

James 1:22 But be ye doers of the Word and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.

James 4:17 Therefore to him that knoweth to do good and doeth it not to him it is sin (and separation from God).

8. TO BE DRESSED FOR SUCCESS, BELIEVE AND RECEIVE

V19 But my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

James 1:6-7 But let him ask in faith nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive anything of the Lord.

2-Cor 4:13 For we having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak.

Rom 4:21 And being fully persuaded that what He (the Lord) has promised, He was (and is) able also to perform (it).

Rom 8:32 He that spared not His own Son but delivered Him up for us all, how shall he not with Him also freely give us all thing.

2-Peter 1:3 According as His divine power hath given us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him that hath called us to glory and viture:

2-Cor 9:8 And God is able to make all grace abound toward you: that ye always having all sufficiency in all things may abound to every good work:

So believe and receive Jesus as your Saviour and Lord

Receive His love, His forgiveness, His deliverance, His presence, His power, His protection, His provision, His baptism, His promises, His healing, His help, His comfort, His peace, His blessings.

Closing: God wants us to be dressed for success having what we need when we need it and walking in victory and it will come only through the Lord.

2-Cor 2:14 Now thanks be unto God which always causes us to triumph in Christ and maketh manifest the savor (or fragrance) of His knowledge by us in every place.