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Dear Friend,

"This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe 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." Joshua 1:8, NKJV.

God wants you to succeed in the endeavors of life. He wants you to succeed in your relationships, on the job, in your family, and in your ministry. By seeking God and walking in His ways, you not only benefit yourself, but also your family and those around you. The key is to put a priority on meditating on God's Word, speaking the Word continually, and putting it into practice in your daily life. Then you will be able to make the choices that lead to godly prosperity and success.

Recently, I had an example of this in my own life. For three years I had been driving a 1998 Toyota Camry. I bought the car for \$3,000 when it had about 150,000 miles on it. I didn't enjoy the car much. It had cigarette burns in the upholstery and a door handle held together with sheetrock screws, but it was very reliable and faithfully carried me thousands of miles to meetings all over the upper Midwest and Canada. By this Spring, my Camry had over 240,000 miles on it and it needed to be replaced.

All the time I had that car, I was thanking God for my new car. I was careful not to complain about my Camry. Admittedly, I had to work at that. But at the same time I was putting my faith out for a new car. Many times I was ready to get a loan and purchase a new car. In fact, the temptation was very strong. But every time, I would come up nearly to the point of making a decision and I would back off, because of the thought of those payments. I just didn't believe God wanted me to have monthly payments.

This May we received a \$5,000 offering from a church in Wisconsin. When I called the pastor to say thanks, he told me that they were giving the offering to help me purchase a new vehicle. So, I started shopping and found the type of car that I liked, a Nissan Altima. But I found out that \$5,000 was not enough to buy a newer vehicle with low miles, so I thought of supplementing the \$5,000 with a car loan. However, once again there was a definite "No!" in my inner man.

Susan and I were praying together about the car and the Lord told her, "Tell Tom to be patient and wait for a sign." Now, signs are not our normal method for guidance, but I sensed God was up to something. That day my son called about a 2005 Nissan Altima he had seen for sale at an online auction. It was a "repo" (a repossessed vehicle). It just so happened I was traveling north that weekend for some meetings in Baudette, Minnesota and I was driving right pass the location of the vehicle. On my way up north I stopped, looked it over, and test drove it. I felt it was a worthy machine. It looked good, and drove nicely.

So Susan and I decided to bid on it that vehicle. The online auction ended on an evening just before I was to preach at the church in Baudette. So here I am on the cell phone with Susan and she's on the computer bidding on a 2005 Nissan Altima. Others are bidding against us. We went as far as we dared to go, but then had to let the car go to a higher bidder. By then, however, I was at peace about the whole thing, believing that God still had a plan.

On my way home from my meetings up north, I drove by the auction place and saw that the car was still sitting there. I went in and inquired and was told that the high bidder had backed out of buying the car. "If you want the car," I was told, "you can buy it today for \$7,000." I then went out to the car, got on the cell phone with Susan, prayed a quick prayer, and went back in to tell the man I would take the car. Literally seconds after I told him, his business partner called to tell him that a local banker wanted to buy the car. If I had waited one minute later, I likely would have lost the deal. I wrote a check, signed the paper work, and I drove home with a 2005 Nissan Altima. Later, I sold my Camry for \$1,800. Glory to God!



Hope & Healing for the Nations

Yes, God's plan is good success, but it doesn't come automatically. You must take responsibility to train your spirit with the Word of God, use your faith, listen to His voice, and resist temptation. Then you will prosper and have good success!

Booklet Published in Telugu

Our booklet, "Becoming a Strong Christian" has now been published in the Telugu language as a tool for teaching new believers. With the help our partners, we were able to print 2,000 copies. So far, the book has received a very positive response from the pastors. Here's a report from Dr. Benjamin, our ministry team partner in Andhra Pradesh, India,

By the Grace of God, we received the 2000 booklets. I have dedicated them in our Pastors meetings, the response was very good. Many pastors said that it is a valuable and blessed matter and that will be a great help for the believers. About 100 copies we have already started distributing. The printer who printed the booklets is a Hindu person. He told that it he was blessed by this booklet, and he told me that many Hindu professors and the students from the university are visiting his press and asking him to give the booklets. I am trilled for the responses we are getting. In the month of August, I have lots of meetings and I'm hoping to meet many pastors, in which I may use at least 1000 copies, so kindly pray that this booklet will bless people's hearts. Please join with me in your prayers that God may use this as a mighty tool for the transformation of the people in the society. Thank you very much for providing an opportunity to work for the Lord along with you. I'm hoping in the future that the Lord may give you more and more thoughts about His Kingdom and use us for the expansion of His Kingdom. Glory to God!



Dr. I. Benjamin, Calvary Commission India

Looking Ahead

We have some great opportunities for ministry coming up. I'll be teaching the Billy Graham Christian Life and Witness Course at our local church here in Mankato on Aug. 6 and 13. This is being given in preparation for the upcoming Franklin Graham Rock the River Youth Festival to be held at Harriet Park in St. Paul on Aug. 16. I will also be participating as an evangelist, representing the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association at the Festival. I'll be reaching out one-on-one to people on the grounds, sharing Christ and how to follow Him.

Tom Shanklin Ministries will be working with Businessmen's Fellowship in Minneapolis to hold a special Hope and Healing Celebration on Aug. 20 at 6:30 p.m. at the Northwest Bank Community Room. Pray that many lives will be changed and that the Lord will demonstrate His love by bringing miracles of healing into the people's lives. I'll also be at Grace Community Church in Turtle Lake, Wisconsin on Aug. 28-30. We will have four sessions on Friday and Saturday especially designed to encourage and train believers in their Christian witness. Topics include Living the Victorious Christian Life, Sharing Your Faith, Nurturing New Christians, and Power to Be a Witness. Then on Sunday morning, we will hold a Hope and Healing Celebration with the church. Please mark your calendar and pray for all these important meetings.

Our Partnership Together

Your partnership is such a blessing to us. It encourages our hearts to know that you are joining with us in this mission to reach the world with the Gospel. Susan and I pray for you constantly, for God to bless, prosper and protect you and your family. I believe, as we pray for one another, great power will be released for the purposes of God. Your financial support also enables us to minister in ways and places where there is little or no financial remuneration, such as evangelistic events, overseas missions, nursing homes and one-on-one. It also helps us to create media, such as audio, video, internet content, and the written word, to minister to people all around the world. I can't think of anything that is a higher priority than reaching people with the Good News of salvation through Jesus Christ. As you sow your seed today, I encourage you to pray and believe God for a mighty harvest in your life and all around the world! Have a wonderfully successful and blessed August!

In the fellowship of the Son,

Tom Shanklin