

# Guaranteed Success from the Lord

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When young Samuel was with Eli training to be the Lord's servant, the famous incident of the Lord speaking to him occurred in 1 Samuel 3:1-18. Immediately after that, these words are in the holy text, "So Samuel grew, and the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground" (1 Samuel 3:19). The meaning of the metaphor in the latter part of the verse is that the Lord made sure that all of Samuel's prophecies were true and beneficial. None of them would be wasted as in a precious liquid spilling into the earth.

In this passage, we can also see what led to Samuel's success. First of all, we can see that he grew. Earlier in the book, it states that Samuel grew not only in stature, but also in favor with both men and God (1 Samuel 2:26). So, he grew not only physically, but socially and spiritually. Secondly, we can see that he stuck with the Lord. The Lord was with him, because he was with the Lord and devotedly followed His ways. And as a result, Samuel was successful.

It seems to me that we can make an analogy to us and being successful in our service to the Lord. To be successful, we too must grow and stay connected to the Lord. If we grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord (2 Peter 3:18) by studying the Bible and applying it to our lives, and if we remain in a faithful relationship with God no matter what (Revelation 2:10), He will see to it that nothing we do in His name will fall to the ground and be wasted. (Psalm 1:1-3)

**Here's the bottom line:** effort and dedication combined with the Lord's blessings brings guaranteed success.



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## WELCOME!

<u>Sunday</u>	Bible Class- 9:30 a.m. Worship- 10:30 a.m.
<u>Tuesday</u>	Ladies Bible Study- 10:00 a.m.
<u>Wednesday</u>	Bible Study-7:00pm

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**All the churches of Christ greet you.**  
ROMANS 16:16

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### **Today's Sermon:** [What Jesus Can Do for Me – Pt. 2](#)

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**Scripture:** 1Timothy 1:12-17

## ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS...

- **Ladies Class: Tuesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, 10am. We will be studying Day 4 of the second chapter.**
- Midweek Bible Study- stay tuned as this is a work in progress!
- **Bill Colwell from World Bible School in TX will be here on April 14<sup>th</sup> to do a workshop presentation for the purpose of getting us involved in using that very effective resource for reaching the lost all over the world, as well as locally.**
- **5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Regional Singing @ Horseheads, April 29<sup>th</sup>, 4:30pm.**
- **Housewarming Celebration- Thursday, May 31<sup>st</sup>- Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Speakers TBD**

Next Potluck: March 18<sup>th</sup>. **Think Spring!**



- **Bert Washburn**, age 93, passed away last week as the result of a heart attack followed by pneumonia. He was Rhonda's father in law. Rhonda and Don were at his bedside when he died, for which they are grateful. The family will be gathering for a memorial to Bert this summer in Bethel, VT, where he lived.
- Our **baptistry** is in there! A big thank you to Arthur and Doug for a few days hard work! We are still taking quotes for a **water heater**. Plans are also underway for the **kitchen**.
- There will be a short meeting of the trustees following worship this morning.
- Sandy and Arthur will **not** be traveling to TN in mid-March. Don Myers will not be sufficiently recovered from his back surgery to manage the trip.

## PRAYERS...

- Prayers for comfort for **Don Washburn** who lost his father, Bert, last week.
- **Don Myers** is healing well from his back surgery but is still in some pain, which is being managed with medicine.
- **Donald's daughter Cindy and her daughter Mariska** need prayer.
- **Darlene** will be having a skin lesion removed from her nose on March 16<sup>th</sup>. She is also dealing with high cholesterol, possibly from another medication she is on.
- Pray for **Andrea Lentz** as she starts radiation to deal with the mass on her lungs.
- **Lori Kashorek** has gone to Sloane-Kettering in NYC for a treatment plan for her lung cancer. She is hopeful that this new treatment will bring her relief and stop the cancer growth.
- Pray for **Vicki Joice** as she continues Herceptin treatments. Also, pray that she doesn't become discouraged dealing with lymphedema on a daily basis.
- Sandy and Arthur's neighbor, **Erin Beiber** has metastatic breast cancer throughout her body. Her new chemo is causing her pain and weakness.
- **Emily Barry** will have thyroid surgery on the 24<sup>th</sup> of April in Sayre. She is starting a new job tomorrow but is still hoping to get hired by the post office.
- **Patty and Ruthie's cousin Cathy's husband Bruce** has kidney cancer.
- Please pray for **Pancho Rivera**, Sandy and Arthur's son in law, as he is trying to get his diabetes under control and suffering from anxiety. He wants to get back to work to relieve financial stress for his family.

If you have any prayers or news that you would like included in the bulletin, please contact Sandy Barry :

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