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Do you remember when, as a kid, you first learned about common denominators in math class? First you had to learn the simple formula for finding the common denominator of all the fractions in a math problem. But once you found that common denominator, you were home free - solving the problem became easy.

Well, I would like to give you *five common denominators for success*. These common denominators are all found in God's Word. And just like the common denominators you used in math class, once you discover these scriptural common denominators and start applying them to your life, you will be able to use them to help solve any problem that hinders your success in life!

2 Common Denominator #1

"Jesus said unto him, thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul and with all thy mind." Matthew 22:37

Loving the Lord with all your heart, mind and soul is the bottom line to everything. If you go back and look at

the millionaires in the Bible and study how they prospered, you will see that God did not bless the men; He blessed the *relationship* they had with Him. For example, God did not bless Abraham; He blessed Abraham's

faithfulness to maintain a relationship with God throughout his life.

If you study the Scriptures on success and prosperity, you will find that most of them have a condition that must be fulfilled. The most important condition of all is found right here in Matthew 22:37. If you want to be successful in life, you must make your relationship with God your absolute top priority. You have to love Him with all your heart, mind and soul.

3 Common Denominator #2

"But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." Matthew 6:33

This verse provides the greatest model for success I have ever discovered. You have to seek God and the ways of His Kingdom first—before everything else that clamors for our attention in life. As you do, success and prosperity are two of the things that will be added unto you. It is a guarantee from God.

However, before all things are added unto you, the prerequisite must be fulfilled. You must seek God *first*.

4 Common Denominator #3

"Delight thyself also in the Lord; and He shall give thee the desires of thine heart." Psalm 37:4

Think about the millionaires of the Bible again: The pioneering millionaire Abraham, the peaceful millionaire Isaac, the persistent millionaire Jacob, and the godly millionairess Ruth. Every one of these successful people lived by this common denominator. They delighted themselves in the Lord, and He gave every one of them the desires of their heart.

For instance, God really opened up Jacob's life to me. Jacob made his own covenant with God. (That tells me you can make your own covenant with God as well. In other words, with His help, you can establish a set of goals and plans for your life.)

Jacob had every strike in the world against him. He had hurt his mother. He had disappointed his father. He had cheated his brother. In fact, his brother had even tried to kill him. Jacob was forty years old and he had nothing—not even a good reputation! But when Jacob made his covenant with God, he said he would commit his life to God and give Him one-tenth of all his increase. That was the strong point of Jacob's covenant and it worked for him. Over the years, God gave Jacob the desires of his heart in every area of his life—wealth, wives, children, livestock and material goods. Jacob was even to "come again to his father's house in peace" years later, just as he had requested of the Lord. (Gen 28:21)

5 Common Denominator #4

Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it. For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry. Habakkuk 2:2,3

Combine this scripture with Hebrews 11:1: "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." Now you have the Bible formula for successful goal-setting and planning!

Here is a suggestion that has worked for me: Write down at least ten things that you have wanted to be, do or have in life. Now, out of those ten things, circle one or two you have desired to do the most— those "deep down" desires that just don't seem to go away. (use the back of May calendar for list)

You have just written down part of your vision! As long as your vision doesn't break any laws or go against God's Word, God wants to help you succeed in fulfilling it.

This fourth common denominator works well when you have already fulfilled the first three. You love the Lord with all your heart, you have been seeking Him first and delighting in your fellowship with Him, therefore, He is able to give you the desires of your heart—the vision you have written down.

So make your covenant with God. Set your goals, make your plans and write the vision down! Then read those goals every single day and confess that they will come to pass. Let your faith be the substance of the things you hope for and the rock solid evidence of the things you do not yet see with your natural eyes!

6 Common Denominator #5

Always remember to develop your life goals and plans within God's Word and God's methods.

"My son, forget not my law; but let thine heart keep my commandments: For length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they add to thee." Proverbs 3:1,2

Determine never to break the laws of God and strive to stay within the laws of man. As you do these two things, the sky is the limit.

If you try to achieve success according to the messed-up ways of the world, you may prosper financially but still end up failing in every other area of life—a broken marriage, kids on dope, a heart attack or a nervous breakdown, etc. But when you pursue success God's way, you can have it all—a happy home, good kids, good health and financial prosperity.

Take hold of these five common denominators for success and pursue the vision God has placed in your heart. Success is yours for the taking when you do it God's way—all the way!

7 If you would like to learn more about God's success principles found in His Word, you should order *The Financial Freedom Starter Kit* which includes seven books Tom Leding has written. Each book fulfills a different purpose, but all are designed to help you achieve success and prosperity in every area of your life.

If you would like Tom to believe God with you that your vision *shall* be fulfilled, please write your vision down and send it to him. God has given him great faith to believe for people's prosperity and success. He will join his faith with yours, believing as you follow these five common denominators for success, God will give you the desires of our heart! Remember, whatever your mind can conceive yourself to be, by the grace of God, you can achieve.