The Successful Failure

The world is bent on success. The world lauds success. The world honors those who appear to be successful. Our heroes are the ones who succeed. They are promoted on the world's pedestals. Make no mistake about it - God wants all people to be successful. However, God wants people to be sure they are on the right pedestal. In other words, we should be careful how we measure success. People can succeed in the eyes of the world, but be total failures in the eyes of God.

How can a person be a success in this world, yet be a total failure in the eyes of God? The problem begins in how we calculate our success. If we only value our own opinion we may find ourselves succeeding, not in success, but in failure. We might see ourselves succeeding in the opinion of this world, but in God's opinion we will be successful failures.

Jesus told a parable about just such a failure. The parable was about a man who was a success in his own eyes, but he was bankrupt before God. The man was on the world's pedestal, but to his surprise, the pedestal collapsed under the weight of eternal realities. God loves us and wants no one to be a successful failure. Jesus will get us on the fast-track to success according to HIS point of view as we bow to his will today and every day.

**The Successful Failure**

**Luke 12:13-21**

■ NO THOUGHT TOWARD GOD

■ NO VISION TOWARD GOD

■ NO RICHES TOWARD GOD

 ▪ Turn our hearts toward God

 Romans 12:1-2

 ▪ Receive vision toward God

 Philippians 1:21

 ▪ Be rich toward God

 Matthew 6:21