

Part 1: God's Steps for Success in Life

Series: God's Steps for a Successful Church

The Difference between a Church and a Social Club is **S**_____.

What is a Spirit-Filled church? Spirit-filled individuals/churches are Spirit-**C**_____
individuals/churches.

- I. The First Step is **T**_____ in God's wonderful plan for my life.
For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. – Jeremiah 29:11

- II. The Second Step is that we must **F**_____ God's steps to success.
*Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. **Then you will be prosperous and successful.** Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you **wherever you go.**" – Joshua 1:8-9*
 - A. We will obtain **S**_____.
 - B. We will no longer be motivated by **F**_____.
 - C. We will know **T**_____ prosperity and success.



- The Spirit of God is unhindered if we are **S**_____ to His will. It is an issue of **C**_____.
Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit,... - Ephesians 5:18 (NIV)
 - When you are drunk, the alcohol has control. When you are filled with the Spirit, God has control.

This is an act of will and requires action

1. **Seek.** We must actively and intentionally **S**_____ God constantly.
...O God, you are my God; I earnestly search for you. My soul thirsts for you; my whole body longs for you in this parched and weary land where there is no water. – Psalm 63:1 (NLT)

2. **Submit.** We must **R**_____ God's Authority.
Then Peter said, "Ananias, how is it that Satan has so filled your heart that you have lied to the Holy Spirit and have kept for yourself some of the money you received for the land? 4 Didn't it belong to you before it was sold? And after it was sold, wasn't the money at your disposal? What made you think of doing such a thing? You have not lied just to human beings but to God." – Acts 5:3-4
 - Our desire is to look good in front of other humans. We pretend.
...having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with such people. – 2 Timothy 3:5

3. **S**_____. We must surrender to God's love and plan for our lives.

a) It may require some **S**_____.

So I find this law at work: Although I want to do good, evil is right there with me. For in my inner being I delight in God's law; but I see another law at work in me, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within me. What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death? Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself in my mind am a slave to God's law, but in my sinful nature a slave to the law of sin. – Romans 7:21-25

b) Set Free to achieve Real Success and Enjoy Your **D**_____.

Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart. – Psalm 37:4

**Do you want to be SET FREE from Fear?
Do you want God to grant you the Desires of your heart?**

Answers:

Spirituality; Controlled

I. Trusting; II. Follow; A. Strength, B. Fear, C. True

Surrendered; Control

1. Seek; 2. Recognize; 3. Surrender; a) Struggle; b) Destiny