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Bible Study

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Preparing Yourself for Success Holistically

Matthew 6:1-21

II Chronicles 20:17 reads, "You will not have to fight this battle. Take your positions; stand firm and see the deliverance the Lord will give you, Judah and Jerusalem. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged. Go out and face them tomorrow, and the Lord will be with you." (NIV) This verse reveals the posture God's people were to take in order to observe the victory that was coming their way. The start of a new year is a common season for many individuals to put measures in place in order to be successful. Many times believers and unbelievers alike never achieve their desired outcome due to a lack of preparation. This lesson is designed to share how to prepare yourself for success holistically.

Breakdown of Matthew Chapter 6

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| 1. Jesus' Teachings on <u>Practical</u> Matters. | Verses 1-18 |
| 2. Jesus' Teachings on <u>Material</u> Matters. | Verses 19-32 |
| 3. Jesus' Teachings on <u>Spiritual</u> Matters. | Verses 33, 34 |

1. Commitments for God can help prepare you for success holistically.
Verses 2, 5, 16
"So when you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honored by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. 5) And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. 16) When you fast, do not look somber as the hypocrites do, for they disfigure their faces to show others they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full." (NLT)

2. Acknowledgement of God can help prepare you for success holistically.
Verse 9
"This, then, is how you should pray: 'Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.'" (NLT)

3. Investments towards God can help prepare you for success holistically.
Verses 19-21
"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. 20) But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not steal." (NLT)

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