

## Graduation 2019

### Good Success: How we get from here to there?

*Are there considerations and assumptions that come into play on the success journey? Are there key and common components to ensure good success? Are there clues from history, the ancients and systems that will give the success traveler an advantage?*

Consider **Joshua 1:8**

*NKJ Joshua 1:8* "This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then **you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.**

To prosper and have good success carries with it the notion of making **progress** and **advancement**.

Here are a few qualities to remember as success travelers...

#### 1. **Confidence**...

Confidence is a sense of trust, safety and security which produces boldness.

*NKJ Philippians 1:6* being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you **will complete it** until the day of Jesus Christ;

*Strength of character* is the component of confidence.

Strength of character is the ability to walk with others and not lose your **identity** together with the ability to stand alone to maintain **integrity**.

#### 2. **Curiosity**...

Epistemology is the investigation of what distinguishes justified belief from opinion.

- Empiricism relies on observation and experiments
- Existentialism relies on what is experienced

- Rationalism relies on reason
- Secularism is indifference to, rejection or exclusion of religion
- Post modernism is the belief there are no absolute truths

Our faith embraces observation, experience, reason and truth.

*ESV 1 John 1:1* That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life- <sup>2</sup> the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us-

#### 3. **Courage**...Vs 6, 7, 9

Your **opinions** are the conclusions you hold however your **convictions** are what holds you.

"The brave don't live forever but the cautious don't live at all. The only thing that is truly terrifying is the un-lived life." *Bill Se*

#### 4. A **Code** of **ethics**...Vs 8

Ethics are a set of moral principles and values.

Core values are essential tenets that guide us making **decisions**.

- This book of the law can guide us establishing a code.

#### 5. **Community**...

We need **others** for good success.

Significance is making others successful.

- *Stay connected with community!*