

*Your success is most often due to  
others ... so be kind*

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I pastor a church, a very large and very successful church in the eyes of many people. We have trained and placed missionaries, built churches, staffed orphanages, funded medical clinics, supplied feeding centers, and currently have representatives around the world. The sun never sets on the work that is done through the efforts of the ministry God has entrusted to me. However, the successes are not mine. Although we give all glory to God, none of these things would have been done if others had not bought into the vision, committed their resources and put their hands to the work. There are greater men with more potential than me struggling to make their ministries survive and, yet, mine is flourishing. Why? Is it because of God's grace? In some ways perhaps, but more ways than this I am drawn to understand that our successes are most often dependent on other people who contribute their time, talent, and resources, purchasing our products, or singing our songs. Therefore, be kind to others.

*Prayer for Today*

Dear God, help me not to think more highly of myself than I ought to think but to realize that You have placed me on a team with many others who also work for the same goals. Teach me to appreciate my team members and to be kind to those who support the things I believe in. Amen.

*Scriptures for Today*

Romans 12:3 For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith. (NKJV)

1 Corinthians 12:21- 22 And the eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you"; nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." No, much rather, those members of the body which seem to be weaker are necessary. (NKJV)