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Tough times, difficult seasons, setbacks, tragedies, and failures test our commitments. Many people press through these hard times and experience success in life. However, life offers us a second and often more challenging test.

While failure may test our commitment, success will test our character. What will we do when we succeed in life and end up with extra time on our hands, more money than we need, and greater opportunities than we have before experienced? What will we do when it looks like we don't have to depend on God near as much or quite as often? Will we forget God and go our own way? Can God trust us with success? Prepare yourself and make plans now to pass the character test and stay committed.

Prayer for Today

God, I want to serve You all the days of my life. Give me the stamina and endurance to stay the course and reach my highest for You. When I am successful, I will not forget You, Lord. I will continue to live my commitments to You and stay small in my own eyes.

Scriptures for Today

Deuteronomy 8:10-14 When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the LORD your God for the good land He has given you. Be careful that you do not forget the LORD your God, failing to observe His commands, His laws and His decrees that I am giving you this day. Otherwise, when you eat and are satisfied, when you build fine houses and settle down, and when your herds and flocks grow large and your silver and gold increase and all you have is multiplied, then your heart will become proud and you will forget the LORD your God ... (NIV)