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I know the answer already, but let me ask the question anyway: Do you want to realize success in life? Who in his or her right mind is going to say he wants to be a failure, right. On the other hand, some people who answer yes in words say no by their actions. "Lazy hands make a man poor, but diligent hands bring wealth," the Bible says (Proverbs 10:4).

Talk is cheap. Realizing success in life requires that we conscientiously do the things that enable us to avoid failure. And according to the verse above, lazy hands make one poor. Note that the verse is not job-specific. Lazy hands make one poor, no matter what the person's goal in life is. Similarly, "Diligent hands bring wealth," no matter what you aspire to do.

Some people are amazingly naïve about life. They seem to think that success in life is happenstance. But this is an extremely competitive world in which we live. Even finding your so-called dream job these days is much harder than it used to be. Regardless of your aspirations, however, you can become a success in life. It's called being diligent: doing what's required to gain the competitive edge; never giving up; refusing to accept defeat; living a life of integrity.

There is no substitute for diligence. You can attend multitudes of conferences and listen to all the subject matter experts you want to, but if you persist to be lazy, you don't have what it takes

## The Key to Success in Life

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to become a success in life (sorry about being so brutally honest). You may be a person of faith and you can pray to God for success all night long, but if you have lazy hands, you are destined for failure.

Be it far from me to suggest that prayer does not work. But remember, the verse I quoted is from the Word of God. He is the one who says that lazy hands make a man or woman poor. All the praying in the world won't compensate for laziness.

Finally, please understand that when I talk about success in life, I am not necessarily talking about monetary gain or climbing the corporate ladder. The point is that regardless of the area in which you want to realize success in life; parenting, running a business, college life, etc.the key to success is diligence. Unfortunately, my observation is that many people, including Christians, who talk about realizing success in life are not willing to pay the price for success.

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