

“GOING FORWARD IN A BACKWARD WORLD”

Text: *Isaiah 55:8-11*

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1. **What Is Success?** **Servanthood** (*Matt 20:20-28*).

*“Father, where shall I work today?
And my love flowed warm and free,
He pointed out a tiny spot and said, “Tend that place for Me.”
I answered Him quickly, “Oh no! Not that!
Why no one would ever see,
No matter how well my work was done;
not that little place for me!”
The word He spoke, then, wasn’t stern;
He answered me tenderly,
“Nazareth was a little place, and so was Galilee.”*

2. **What Is Power?** **Submission** **Consecration**

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Five Steps To Authentic Power

- 1) **Admit your addiction to power**
- 2) **Admit you are powerless**
- 3) **Surrender your control to God**
- 4) **Accept the gift of authentic power**
- 5) **Attempt something you could never**
 do without God

3. **What Is Prosperity?** **Investing in eternity** (*Luke 12:13-21*).

“We can’t take it with us, but we can send it on ahead.”

4. **What Is Pleasure?** **Righteousness (doing right)** (*Psalm 1:1-3*).

*“The fleeting allurements of doing whatever we wish cannot
compare to the pleasure of doing what is right.”*

5. **What Is Trouble?** **The fire that forges character** (*James 1:2-4*).

“Trials are blessings when we bless God for trials.”