

Title: A Recipe For Success

On January 19, 2020, I preached a sermon called, "A Recipe for Success." Do you remember it? That feels like such a long time ago. The following bulletin is my outline (or part of it) from that sermon. I will break it down and share *ONE THING* each week for the next few weeks.

We're in the time of year where people are focused on having great success! Are you looking for success in 2021? There's a variety of ways we can define success. I want to share a recipe for success when it comes to Bible study, how we view God's word, and what we will do with it. This recipe will work for both young and old. It will work no matter how long you've been a Christian. This recipe for success is found in [Ezra 7:10](#). It will transform our lives.

"Now Ezra had determined in his heart to study the law of the LORD, obey it, and teach its statutes and ordinances in Israel."

God's people had returned from captivity. There's a big time gap between chapter 6 and chapter 7. Ezra was a scribe and a godly man, [Ezra 7:6-9](#). The hand of the Lord was with Him.

The ONE THING: "Ezra had set his heart..."

All of us must make a decision and consciously decide that we want to know God's word and to grow. This is what Ezra did. It wasn't optional for Ezra. It was a must for him. He securely determined to study the Law of the LORD! As we head into a New Year, let's put first things first. Let's set our hearts to study and meditate on God's word. It's a daily decision. Do you have your book list ready for 2021? Where is the Bible on that list? Put first things first.

"I am a resident alien on earth; do not hide your commands from me. I am continually overcome with longing for your judgments." [Psalm 119:19-20](#)

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