Forum: Mr. Stephen Flurry

Title: The All-Important Seventh Law

"The reasons for success and failure intrigued me," said Mr. Armstrong. Mr. Armstrong liked studying the subject of the seven laws of success. He liked studying great men of history, and so does Mr. Gerald Flurry.

We must apply the seven laws of success. We can't leave any out. The whole of the autobiography is about success. It is about how Mr. Armstrong applied those laws of success, and even how failure comes about. Mr. Armstrong worked on these laws for quite a bit. He changed them and tweaked them over time. If we want good character, we will be driven to study these laws. Mr. Armstrong said, "[N]o human being need ever become a failure." We must look at how our life is going and if we are applying these laws.

Bibi Netanyahu had two other brothers who were driven, successful, and motivated. They respected their father who was educated and driven, and they respected their mom. They didn't just happen to be successful; they were getting after it in their early life.

It's often that we try to vicariously live a successful life through someone else, like a celebrity or friend, but don't actually do anything extraordinary. "We can't settle for mediocrity" (*The Seven Laws of Success*). Mr. Armstrong was constantly studying what these laws were. He said that this was the only way to achieve true success.

Jude 1 – *Jude, the servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, to them that are sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ, and called.*

God wants to give to us. He wants us to succeed. God hates to see us fail. It can be easy to complain about the situation we have. We must not complain about our circumstances. If we get into it and apply these laws, we will be successful. Trump grew up with rich parents, but that didn't stop him from working. He took what he was given at the start and worked to get more. While he is missing the seventh law of success, he has the drive. We have the knowledge of *all* of these seven laws, and God has given us a multitude of opportunities.

The ancient Israelites were always complaining, and God hated that. They were so stubborn and negative and critical. God opened so many opportunities for them, and they still complained. If we focus on our opportunities over our circumstances, we will be happier. We will see the blessings we have. If we humble ourselves before the mighty hand of God and look to Him, He will give us everything. He is our Father.

On the other hand, we can't get into the mindset that God owes us something.

How we apply these laws of success determines everything. None of the seven laws of success has a negative connotation.

"The all important seventh law of success, nevertheless, is having contact with, and the guidance and continuous help of God" (*The Seven Laws of Success*).

Jeremiah 10:23-24 - *O LORD, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps. O LORD, correct me, but with judgment; not in thine anger, lest thou bring me to nothing.*

- Discussion with the audience finished the forum.