

**Audience questions from the ICMDA webinar with  
Dr Pablo Martínez on Success - Secular versus Christian  
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1. Anonymous: What advice would you give to someone who is being offered formal public (maybe even national or international) recognition for a career accomplishment? Should one turn it down or embrace it or what?
2. Bikash: How do we keep our focus on the biblical success when the world shouts the worldly definition loud every minute?
3. Anonymous: Biblical success has been defined historically based on Joshua 1:8. What is your opinion based on interpreting this Bible verse as God's standard of success?
4. Selma: Any tips on what we can do if we see that we are failing to build with the 'right materials' or see that we are not being faithful, diligent and obedient? How do we nurture these virtues? Seems like working like this is not 'economical' or 'efficient'.
5. Liette: I can so relate about disappointment. How can we avoid falling into disillusion when what we seem to do to the best of our ability with the right attitude seems to not bear any fruit (thorns and thistles)?
6. Claudia: Many employers formally evaluate medical professionals on the quantity and quality of their work, hence performance appraisals include such indicators and we have to strive to achieve them. We don't want to fail those appraisals, so we have to be productive, but how can we bring the divine definition of success into this without jeopardizing the achievement of our professional appraisals?
7. Alex: What do I do if I work for a secular organisation or work place that is driven by activity and results where one has to achieve goals and meet datelines to be considered successful?
8. Pablo: What about goals, sometimes we feel pushed about pursuing them?
9. Liette: I would also add the community of believers & support group to the Spirit, Word and prayer to help our focus.