When Success is Squandered
America Has Known Many Victories And Much Success

Success Can Be Fleeting When We:
- Turn Inward Rather Than Upward
- Turn Prideful Rather Than Remain Humble
- Focus On The Temporary Over The Eternal
- Lean On Humanity Rather Than Almighty God
Some Of Our Most Difficult Times Occur Immediately After Great Success

The Only Way to Ongoing Success Is to Go In The Strength and Blessing of The Lord!
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- **We Become Susceptible After Success**

  (Josh 7:1-6 NIV) But the Israelites acted unfaithfully in regard to the devoted things; Achan son of Carmi, the son of Zimri, the son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, took some of them. So the Lord's anger burned against Israel. (2) Now Joshua sent men from Jericho to Ai, which is near Beth Aven to the east of Bethel, and told them, "Go up and spy out the region." So the men went up and spied out Ai. (3) When they returned to Joshua, they said, "Not all the people will have to go up against Ai. Send two or three thousand men to take it and do not weary all the people, for only a few men are there." (4) So about three thousand men went up; but they were routed by the men of Ai, (5) who killed about thirty-six of them. They chased the Israelites from the city gate as far as the stone quarries and struck them down on the slopes. At this the hearts of the people melted and became like water. (6) Then Joshua tore his clothes and fell facedown to the ground before the ark of the LORD, remaining there till evening. The elders of Israel did the same, and sprinkled dust on their heads.
Obedience Always Leads To Godly Success!

Two Things Led To The Anger Of The Lord:

- Being Unfaithful In The Devoted Things
- Putting Their Confidence In Themselves
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Hidden Trap-Doors of Success:

1. Overconfidence – And Self-pride
2. Rationalization
3. The Failure To Pray
4. Failure To Give To God What is His
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Hidden Trap-Doors of Success:

5. Looking At Outward Appearances

6. Disunity

7. Leaving God Out Of The Equation

8. Relying On Yesterday’s Success