



SUCCESS

A vintage brass key with a circular bow and a notched bit is positioned diagonally across a torn piece of white paper. The paper, which has the word "SUCCESS" printed in a bold, black, serif font, is placed on a dark, textured wooden surface. The key's head is on the right, and its bit points towards the left, partially overlapping the word "SUCCESS". The lighting is soft, highlighting the metallic texture of the key and the grain of the wood.

4 Keys to Success in 2019

New Year's Message
Philippians 3:12-21
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¹² Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. ¹³ Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead,



¹⁴ I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵ All of us who are mature should take such a view of things. And if on some point you think differently, that too God will make clear to you.



¹⁶ Only let us live up to what we have already attained. ¹⁷ Join with others in following my example, brothers, and take note of those who live according to the pattern we gave you.



18 For, as I have often told you before and now say again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. 19 Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is on earthly things.



**²⁰ But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.
(NIV)**



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1. Success Requires Evaluation.

Philippians 3:12-13 ¹² Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. ¹³ Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. . . .(NIV)

TRUTH: You Must Face Your Faults.



Proverbs 28:13

13 You will never succeed in life if you try to hide your sins. Confess them and give them up; then God will show mercy to you.(GNT)

ASK: Where Do I Need **To Change** ?



2. Success Requires Elimination.

Philippians 3:13 ¹³ Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, (NIV)

TRUTH: You Must Let Go of the Past.



Isaiah 43:18-19

¹⁸ “Forget the former things;
do not dwell on the past.

¹⁹ See, I am doing a new thing!

Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?
I am making a way in the desert
and streams in the wasteland.



Quote:

***"If your present is battling your past
– you will have no future."***

--Winston Churchill



Word Study: The word “Forget” means:

**No longer influenced by or
affected by the past**



What Must I Forget?

1. I Must Forget My Past **Guilt**.

2. I Must Forget My Past **Grief**.

3. I Must Forget My Past **Grudges**.

4. I Must Forget My Past **Glory**.

ASK: What Do I Need To **Let Go Of**?



3. Success Requires Concentration.

Philippians 3:13 ¹³ Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal (NIV)

TRUTH: You Must Focus On The Future.



Quote:

*"Success is setting the right goal,
and building your life around
reaching that goal."*

-- Dr. James Merritt



What is Your Life Goal?

For A Mature Christian, Life's Goal is **Pleasing**
God

2 Corinthians 5:9 ⁹ So we make it our goal to please Him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it. (NIV)

ASK: What Am I **Living for**?



4. Success Requires Determination !

**Philippians 3:14 ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.
(NIV)**



1 Corinthians 9:24

²⁴ Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. (NIV)

TRUTH: I Must **Fight to the Finish**.



Acts 20:24

But I reckon my own life to be worth nothing to me; I only want to complete my mission and finish the work that the Lord Jesus gave me to do, which is to declare the Good News about the grace of God. (GNT)



2 Timothy 4:7-8

⁷ I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸ Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing. (NIV)

ASK: Where Do I Need To Be More Determined?



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