

**Most Likely to Succeed**



THERE ARE MANY  
CANDIDATES FOR  
“SENIOR  
SUPERLATIVES”  
IN THE BIBLE

# CUTEST COUPLE: ADAM AND EVE



# MOST LIKELY TO FIND THE RIGHT WIFE: SOLOMON



# BEST HAIR:

- 1) SAMSON
- 2) ABSALOM



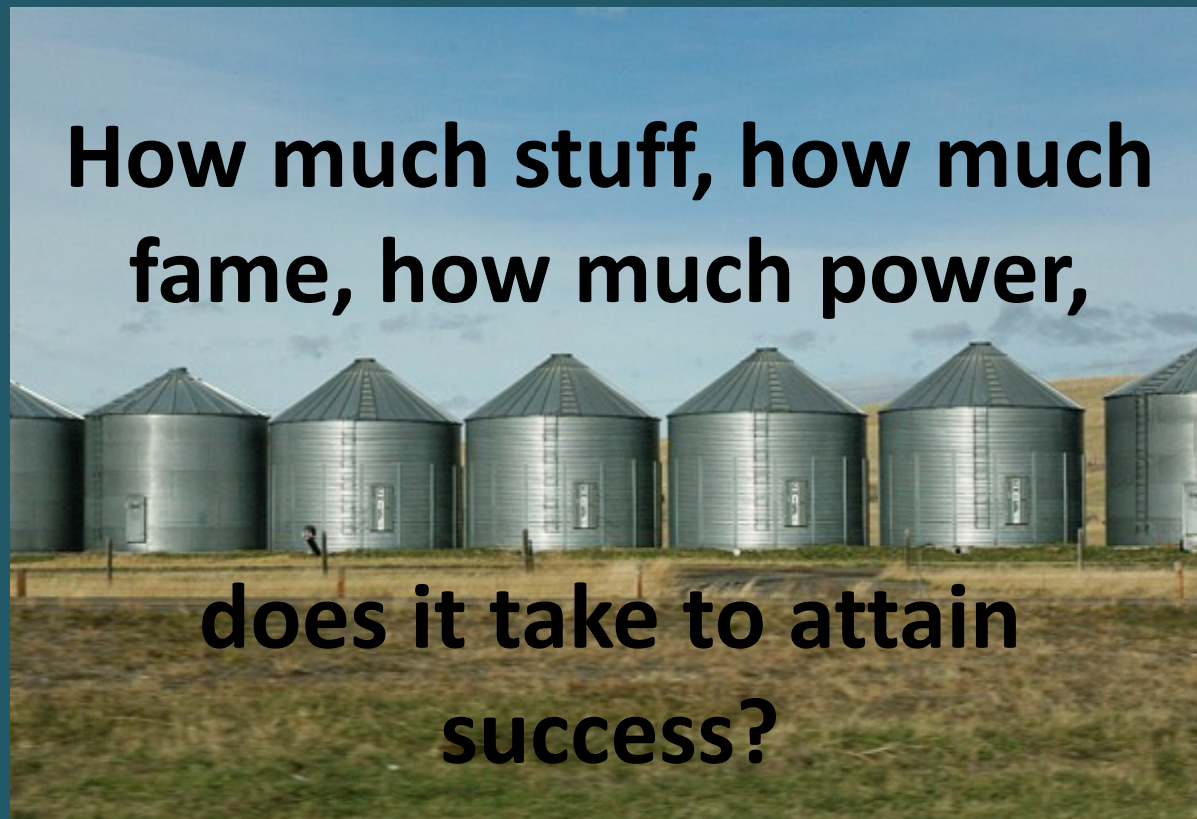
# QUIETEST:

- 1) SARAH
- 2) ZECHARIAH
- 3) THE DISCIPLES



**BUT WHO GETS  
“MOST LIKELY TO  
SUCCEED”?**

Jesus: “What does it profit a man if he gain the whole world but lose his own soul?”





**WEBSTER'S DICTIONARY:  
SUCCESS IS  
"THE ACHIEVEMENT OF  
SOMETHING DESIGNED,  
PLANNED OR ATTEMPTED;  
THE GAINING OF FAME  
OR PROSPERITY."**

# CONSENSUS DEFINITION OF SUCCESS:

- 1) MAKING LOTS OF MONEY,
- 2) GAINING STATUS & FAME,
- 3) ARRIVING AT THE TOP  
OF YOUR PROFESSION.

(STUDY BY U. OF CHICAGO PROFESSOR)

# CANDIDATES INCLUDE:

- 1) ABRAHAM
- 2) MOSES
- 3) DAVID
- 4) MARY
- 5) PETER
- 6) PAUL

EACH OF THESE FIVE HAS  
ONE THING IN COMMON:

*THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS AND  
FAILURES IN LIFE DIMMED  
IN THE LIGHT OF THEIR  
RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD.*

PAUL'S  
DEFINITION OF  
SUCCESS:

PHILIPPIANS 3:7-14

## Philippians 3:4b-14

7 If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews;

## Philippians 3:7-14

as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. **7** But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ.

8 What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ  
9 and be found in him,



not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—  
the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith.

**10** I want to know Christ—  
yes, to know the power of his  
resurrection and participation  
in his sufferings, becoming  
like him in his death, **11** and  
so, somehow, attaining to the  
resurrection from the dead.

**12** Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me.

**13** Brothers and sisters, 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.