"Success"

Deut. 8:17-18

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Theme: The primary measure of biblical success is faithfulness

Key Question: What are the marks of biblical success?

- 1. Honor God's Gifts
  - a. Make use of His resources (v7-10)
  - b. Multiply His resources

Key: Using resources God provides in opportunities God provides for purposes God designs = Biblical Success

Problem: If success is simply discovering and using our gifts, then that can lead to selfish orientation. So what else marks biblical success?

- 2. Honor God's Commands (v11) Why?
  - a. To protect from harm (v11,14-16)
  - b. To protect from slavery (v14-16)

Key: If not a slave to God's commands, then you are a slave to the world's expectations. It's better to be faithful to the One who cares for you.

Problem: If biblical faithfulness is success, then can anyone really succeed? And if so, how?

- 3. Remember the Lord
  - a. His power (v17-18a)
  - b. His Covenant (v18b)

Conclusion: In "Remembering," the Lord is our motivation and fuel for faithfulness as demonstrated in the Lord's Supper.