

LIVING WITH *The End* IN MIND

Living with the End in Mind Striving for Success

Read Ecclesiastes 4

What is a “Success Stabilizer”? Why do those who have achieved success need a stabilizer?

According to John Maxwell what is the stabilizer for the following:

Money? (*generosity*)

Ego? (*awareness*)

Pedestal? (*servicing*)

Image? (*authenticity*)

In your experience, do these stabilizers work? What happens when we are missing the balance of these stabilizers in our lives?

As Ted moved into Ecclesiastes 4 what are the four words he developed for success and good leadership? (*Compassion, Contentment, Companionship, Succession*) Talk through each of these characteristics and why they are so important for good leadership. What happens when each is missing?

Have you ever worked or served under a leader that used power to get things done? How was that a detriment to both you and the leader?

Do you know anyone who is great at promoting others and helping them be successful? How does envy rob us of success?

Fill in the blanks from this statement from Ecc. 4:6: “Better one handful with _____ than two handfuls with _____ and chasing after the wind.” Have you found this to be true in your life?

Ted stressed the importance of companionship. Share about a time in your life where having a good friend kept you from doing something stupid. Why are honest and Godly companions especially important when you have reached a high level of success?

Have you had the experience of working with a great leader? What made their leadership impactful to you? In what areas of leadership do you have the most opportunity for growth?

John Maxwell says his great stabilizer is Jesus. How has Jesus been your stabilizer?

Who needs a phone call from you today? Make plans to reach out this week.

Discussion Questions