

Evening Lesson

LEAST LIKELY TO SUCCEED

2 Pet. 1:5-9

INTRO:

1. "Most Likely to Succeed."
2. "Least Likely to Succeed?"

I. SOME WHO WERE CONSIDERED "LEAST LIKELY TO SUCCEED."

- A. The beggar Lazarus. **Luke 16:19-31**
- B. David. **1 Sam. 16: 7**
- C. The apostles.
- D. A Christian today that sacrifices to put God first.
Matt. 6:33; 16:24

II. ONE WHO WAS CONSIDERED "MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED," BUT FAILED.

- A. Solomon. **1 Kings 3:12, 13; Eccl. 1:2**
- B. Wrong decisions made in youth can greatly diminish one's ability to reach high expectations, but they can be overcome. (ST – Sheep Thief)

III. THOSE WHO REACHED THEIR EXPECTATIONS, WHETHER HIGH OR LOW.

- A. Esau. **Gen. 25:23**
- B. John the Baptizer. **Isa. 40:3-5; Mal. 4:5; Luke 1:66**

IV. WHAT EXPECTATIONS DOES GOD HAVE FOR ME? ARE THEY THE SAME AS I HAVE FOR MYSELF?

- A. God sees possibilities in all of us.
- B. God expects me to:
 1. Study his word. **2 Tim. 2:15; Rom. 10:17**
 2. Realize that without him I am lost. **Eph. 2:12**
 3. Turn to him in obedience to the gospel.
 4. Shine as a Christian light every day. **Matt. 5:16**
 5. Be faithful unto death. **Rev. 2:10**
- C. Are these my expectations? Are they yours for you?
- D. Am I living up to God's expectations?

CONC:

1. The world may consider me to be "The Least Likely to Succeed," but I can be a resounding success with God.