

## Three Gifts

## Success Through the Gift of Myrrh

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Let's briefly lay the foundational Biblical definition of success as God sees it...

POINT #1—To be SUCCESSFUL as a believer, I need to \_\_\_\_\_ my

Here is a VERY brief look at **some** of the behaviors, attitudes, and commands that compose our mandate, and if followed, would ensure **success** as a believer in God's eyes (NOTE: this is not an exhaustive list):

Ephesians 4:14-15, 25-27, 30-32 Philippians 2:3-4 Philippians 3:7-11 Romans 12:1-2 Matthew 28:18-20—Great Commission Matthew 22:36-40—Great Commandment

But why do we not have more success than we do? I would submit, it is because there are MANY obstacles in the way...SO then.....

## POINT #2—To be SUCCESSFUL as a believer, I need to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ to my success.

## Key barrier to remove--A lack of a HEALTHY love of self

Loving yourself, properly and biblically, is ESSENTIAL for success as God defines it.

One MAJOR OBSTACLE that works against us in this regard and DESTROYS the health and balance is the obstacle of LINGERING PAIN and HURT that we unnecessarily carry, often for YEARS.

POINT #3—To be SUCCESSFUL as a believer, I need to \_\_\_\_\_ my lingering \_\_\_\_\_and \_\_\_\_\_ once and for all.

KEEP IN MIND, we said that Myrrh symbolizes bitterness, suffering, and affliction (i.e., PAIN AND HURT)...and that it is also used for BURIAL.

We must consider giving ourselves the GIFT of FREEDOM and RELEASE from the PAIN and HURT, or a GRUDGE we have carried that has often dominated our lives.

- What pain is currently operating in my life? Take a moment to assess what may be there.
- How long has it been there?
- What have you done so far to address it? What still needs to be done to remove it completely?