

**HAS YOUR LIFE BEEN A SUCCESSFUL ONE?**

**The years of life seem to follow a similar pattern for all of us. Our youth is spent planning, dreaming and charting a course for the journey that will find us striving to achieve our goals and ambitions. Our “golden years” are often spent reflecting upon all that we originally set out to do. The successes and failures that come our way are found in the period in between.**

**We all want our lives to be successful; we want to be remembered as being a person who made the world a better place. Unfortunately, many of us use the wrong criteria to gauge our personal accomplishments. Our true motivation must be living a life that is pleasing to God. He does not measure “success” in terms of financial and material gain. No, “fame and fortune” means little to our Heavenly Father. Many of the Church’s Saints had very little, and many whose good works and deeds were known only to God heard the blessed words of the Lord –“WELL DONE, GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT” – when they passed on to their eternal reward.**

**God does not expect great things from us, but He looks to us to do small things in a great way. In the Parable of the Last Judgement, those who had done all of the charitable acts of mercy were genuinely surprised that the Lord put so much emphasis on such simple gestures of compassion. Still, these are the things that are deemed important in God’s eyes.**

**Has your life been a successful one? Have you dedicated your life to doing God’s will? If you have, rest assured that a place in God’s Kingdom awaits you. There could be no greater testimony to the ultimate success of your life!**