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*"We are witnesses of these things,
and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God
has given to those who obey Him." -
Acts 5:32*

So often we as a society equate numbers with success. The larger the conference, the more successful we deem it. The larger a church, the

Cesar attributes his success in the mobile car wash and detailing arena to 1.) knowing who he is ~ his identity, 2.) finding his purpose for his life ~ his calling, and 3.) developing character ~ his walk. He says "The concept of success is a relative and personal perception. That's why what success is to me may not be to others. I realized that for many years I was looking for my life's purpose for His Kingdom instead to find His Kingdom's purpose for my life. As soon as I started pursuing it, I was able to start developing character and walking myself to the place when my time and His time (Chronos and Kairos) met, and that includes every area and aspect of my life (business included).

Success is not a destination... it is a journey. Character is the inner motivation to do right under any circumstances.

His favorite scripture is Romans 8:28, *"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose."*

Cesar and his wife, Irene ~ his sweetheart, have two children, Erick and Karen ~ their blessings, along with a silver Miniature Schnauzer named Max. They enjoy outdoor family activities: camping, kayaking, hiking and biking. They trust that they will be able to visit Israel as a family soon.

They worship at Covenant Church in Carrollton.

Upcoming Event

1st Annual Covenant Business Group Golf Tournament

Monday | April 25

Indian Creek Golf Course

more we believe that God is blessing. And so on. I recall planning a conference one time. Registrations were not where I felt they needed to be a few weeks before the date of the event. It wasn't long before I began to get "under the pile" about the level of attendance. My friend, who was organizing this conference with me, called and asked how I was doing. I had to confess where I was. He immediately reminded me of my own teaching in this area. We are all called to be led by the Spirit, not by outcomes. "If God called us to put on this conference, then the outcome is up to Him if we have done our part." He went on to explain how he learned this lesson in a similar way a few years earlier.

He and a friend were led to host a Bible study group. His friend was to speak. It was nine o'clock and they were the only two people there. His friend was discouraged and was ready to leave.

"No," said my friend. "We have done what the Holy Spirit directed." He then stood up and began to welcome people as though there were many in the room. (No one was in the room.) He introduced his friend and they began the meeting. A few minutes later, people began to straggle in. By the time the meeting was over, ten had shown up, and one man in particular was impacted by the meeting.

Being led by the Spirit often means we must not use the world's standard for success as our measuring stick. You never know what an act of obedience will yield at the time. We must leave results to God. Our role is to obey. His role is to bring results from our obedience.

The tournament proceeds will go to scholarships for graduating Covenant Church Seniors. Download sign-up form [here](#). We hope to see as many of you as possible at this event that allows us to give back to our church.

Do you make decisions based on the potential outcome or by the direction of the Holy Spirit in your life? Do you overly evaluate the pros and cons without consideration to what the Holy Spirit might be saying deep inside? We are all prone to make decisions based on reasoning alone. Ask God to give you a willingness and ability to hear the Holy Spirit and to obey His promptings.

Meeting Times & Locations

Carrollton

3rd Wednesdays | Nico's Cocina
11:30 am - 1:00 pm

McKinney

2nd Wednesday | La Madeleine
Restaurant | 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

Colleyville

4th Wednesdays | Spring Creek
Barbeque in Grapevine
11:30 am - 1:00 pm

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