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Sheriff Chaplain's Corner

Are you a success?

As each of us serve in our careers alongside one another, we can sometimes ask ourselves the question from the title of this message, "am I a success?". How we answer this in our heart can have an impact on those around us, for better or for worse, whether we are aware of it or not. This can be true in the good times of life, and the not so good times as well.

One of the most challenging losses of my life was when my dad, Roger Kinnune, died suddenly. I was eighteen years old and loved my dad very much, and that love has never changed. He was a success for no other reason than the fact that he loved his family, and we were better off because of him in our life. Dad role modeled for me what it looked like to love and serve, and he is an ongoing success as I work to live out what he taught me. So, an integral part of my grieving and healing was when I decided to live and serve in a way that honored my dad's memory.

That was the primary draw for me to join the US Army. I had planned to serve only for about eight years in honor of dad's service in the US Navy. Yet, the military seemed to be a good fit for me, and I ended up staying in for 30 years. Sometimes, even to this day, I ask myself if I am serving in a way that honors him, and for me that can help answer the question about being a success.

What helps you answer this question for yourself? Take a moment to look at the story below as a son asks his father about this in a question on profit.

A small businessman from the old country kept his accounts payable in a cigar box, his accounts receivable on a spindle, and his cash in the cash register. His son criticized him, saying, "I don't see how you can run your business this way. How do you know what your profits are?"

The businessman replied, "Son, when I got off the boat, I had only the pants I was wearing. Today your sister is an art teacher, your brother is a doctor, and you're an accountant. I have a car, a home, and a good business. Everything is paid for. So, you add it all up – subtract the pants – and there's your profit."

Sometimes the bottom-line measurement of success is simply: Are you leaving the world a better place than you found it? Is your team better off now than before because of your efforts? Is your family getting better and do they know you love them? If your answer is "Yes," then you've been a success.

In Luke 6:32-36 Jesus asked some very important questions that are connected to our question today about success and motivation. Take a brief look.

Luke 6:32-36 *"If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. 33 And if you do good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do that. 34 And if you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, expecting to be repaid in full. 35 But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. 36 Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful."*

God calls us to impact our world for the good by giving back to humanity more than we receive, and not for what we think we can get out of it. I humbly challenge each of us to be merciful every chance we get, because it truly is an opportunity to be a success right where you are planted.

PRAYER: Dear Father in heaven, please help me to leave the world a better place than I found it, and strengthen me in every way to be a blessing in my career and to my family, for Your honor and glory. Amen.



SCSO Chaplains Attend an Informative & Critical Training Seminar

Our Chaplains attended a one-day Seminar at Northern Quest Casino titled: Police Suicide: Know the Warning Signs. The event was sponsored by Behind the Badge Foundation and dealt with a subject often not talked about. However, the mental health of our Deputies, Officers, Correctional Officers and other 1st Responders is something that needs to be addressed. Everyone enjoyed listening to Dr. Robert Douglas, Executive Director of the Police Suicide Foundation. Thank you BTB Foundation for loving and caring for our Law Enforcement family.



Issac, the Comfort Dog. Our 4-Legged Friend!

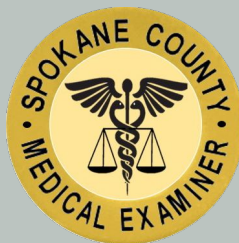
The SCSO Chaplains were introduced to Issac, the Comfort Dog, last year and he and his handler have become a valuable partner to our Team since. Issac, who is an official Lutheran Church Charities K-9, can be used for families, our Deputies, even local schools, dealing with trauma, PTSD, or any type of loss. Often just a "furry" hug can make a big difference and set someone up on the path towards healing and recovery. We thank our friends at Redeemer Lutheran Church for sharing Issac with us and are looking forward to using him as the needs arrive.

Talk to a Chaplain

Whether you're an officer, county employee, community member, or friend our chaplain team is here for you.

- 24x7 Support Spiritual
- Guidance
- Counseling
- Conversation
- Crisis Intervention
- Wedding & Funerals

Resource of the Month



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