

KEYS TO  
*Successful*  
LIVING

12 Ways to Discover  
God's Best for Your Life

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# Preface

*IS LIFE GOING WELL FOR YOU? Would you consider your life a success?*

If you answer *yes* to these two questions, you will probably enjoy this book by Derek Prince. Very likely, it will confirm some of the principles you are already applying to make your life successful.

On the other hand, if you answer *no* to the two questions above, you will probably enjoy this book by Derek Prince. In fact, it may provide a life-altering pathway, making all the difference in how the rest of your life works out for you.

Over the years, maybe you have read a number of self-help books designed to bring you success. Maybe the results you have experienced have been mixed at best. We believe you will find a refreshingly practical approach in *Keys to Successful Living*. If you have been looking for keys, you just found twelve powerful ones in this book.

## **Biblical/Practical**

During his sixty years of teaching ministry, Derek Prince (1915–2003) made a number of agreements with the Lord. One of them was a promise that he would not simply present nice

religious lectures. Rather, he would always give people an opportunity to respond to the Word of God each time he taught. When Derek originally presented this material as a series of fifteen-minute broadcasts on his popular radio program, also called *Keys to Successful Living*, those responses from listeners started to occur. And they haven't stopped yet.

The original title of the radio series was *Twelve Steps to a Good Year*, referring to twelve purposeful statements found in the book of Hebrews. Derek knew that these twelve steps, systematically applied in the lives of those who put them into practice, would serve as a catalyst for change. We are talking about *life* change here.

The response to Derek's teaching from every audience who has heard it has been so positive that this radio series is still regularly featured around the beginning of the year—a time when all of us reevaluate our lives and make some deliberate decisions. But as chapter 1 so clearly states, this is not just a New Year's resolution book. It has the potential to help you any time you need a new start. The steps Derek highlights in this book represent that wonderful combination of biblical truth and practical action that can transform any life at any time—yours included.

We pray that as you apply these twelve resolutions from the book of Hebrews, you will find them to be powerful keys that unlock the life God intends for you to be living.

## **What This Book Can Do for You**

Many of Derek Prince's books have become foundational manuals on a variety of subjects: fasting, spiritual warfare, the new birth, baptism, the power of the Holy Spirit, etc. (See the list on page 2 of this book for specific titles of Derek's works published on these topics.) These foundational, "go-to" books are absorbed and re-read time and again. We think the same phenomenon will apply to *Keys to Successful Living*.

The steps outlined in this book are not "mandates"—they are more like platforms on which you can stand and progressively build. Why not take the time to read through this book without rushing? As you do, prayerfully consider which resolution you would like to start with. You do not have to start with Key #1, and you don't have to start on January 1. Pick the key or keys that resonate with you right now. It is up to you.

If you have never had much previous success with attempts at new starts in life, you may be wondering if you should make any attempt at all.

You might be tempted to think, “I’d be happy to get just *one* of these resolutions under my belt.” That might be true.

But before you throw in the towel, here are two interesting statistics from a university study. First statistic: *Only 8 percent of those who make New Year’s resolutions succeed.* (Okay, that is not very encouraging . . . but keep reading.) Here is the second statistic: *The people who explicitly make resolutions are ten times more likely to attain their goals than people who do not explicitly make resolutions.*<sup>1</sup> Even if you succeed with only one, you have already made progress *just by trying!* Even by picking up this book and holding it in your hand, you are taking a step.

Are you ready for a new start? Are you ready to move ahead to apply twelve powerful decisions from the book of Hebrews that have the potential to change your life forever?

Then let’s get started.

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<sup>1</sup> University of Scranton, “New York Resolution Statistics,” *Journal of Clinical Psychology* 1, 2014, [www.statisticbrain.com/new-years-resolution-statistics](http://www.statisticbrain.com/new-years-resolution-statistics).

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## The Right Resolutions

CAN WE MAKE DELIBERATE Bible-inspired decisions that will cause us to experience a higher quality of life? The answer is a resounding yes! That is the message of this book.

This theme is especially designed to equip you with an attitude and an outlook to help you appropriate the fullness of God's provision for you. It will open the way to God's blessings for the rest of your life, beginning with the months that lie just ahead. You see, so much depends on these two factors—your attitude and your outlook—as you move into all God has planned for you.

### **Why Make Resolutions?**

If you think about this from the perspective of beginning a new year—traditionally associated with making resolutions—then you will see what I mean. When I was a boy growing up, making resolutions was a common practice (though it

may not be quite so fashionable today). At the end of the old year, most people would decide to make good changes in their lives for the coming new year. At the same time, they would usually be laughing at themselves, knowing all too well that their resolutions would not last very long. Even so, I do believe that on a regular basis (whether in January of each new year or any other time) it is appropriate to make resolutions or to reaffirm those that were previously made.

You see, resolutions determine our attitude. Our attitude, in turn, determines our approach to any situation. And our approach to any situation determines the outcome. Let me restate that sequence:

Resolutions determine attitude.

Attitude determines approach.

Approach determines the outcome.

The way you approach a new year (wherever that falls on the calendar) will ultimately determine the outcome of that year in your life. A wrong approach will lead to an unfavorable outcome. A right approach in response to God will lead to a successful outcome. Your approach is decisive. And your approach depends ultimately on the resolutions you choose to follow.