

Reflective Questions for Climbing the Wrong Mountain — Mask of Success

1. What are you pursuing that might not be what God called you to?

Sometimes success disguises disobedience.

“There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way to death.” — Proverbs 14:12
The climb feels right until the summit feels empty.

2. When did achievement start defining your worth?

The world rewards results; God rewards obedience.

“For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul?” — Matthew 16:26

Winning means nothing if it costs you the one thing that lasts.

3. How do you know when ambition has crossed into idolatry?

When the goal consumes more energy than your pursuit of God.

“You cannot serve God and money.” — Matthew 6:24

Whatever drives you eventually defines you.

4. What warning signs has God placed along your climb—and have you ignored them?

Restlessness, conflict, and exhaustion are often holy roadblocks.

“The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still.” — Exodus 14:14

God’s detours are usually divine protection.

5. Where has pride shaped your decisions more than prayer?

Pride makes us chase recognition instead of revelation.

“When pride comes, then comes disgrace, but with the humble is wisdom.” — Proverbs 11:2

Success without surrender leads to spiritual collapse.

6. What if the “mountain” you’re climbing isn’t success but self?

Sometimes our biggest competitor isn’t the world—it’s our ego.

“He must increase, but I must decrease.” — John 3:30
God elevates the man who learns to kneel.

7. How can you redefine success in eternal terms, not earthly ones?

Success isn't a title—it's a testimony of obedience.
“Well done, good and faithful servant.” — Matthew 25:21
Heaven's scoreboard only measures faithfulness.

8. What would obedience look like if you stopped climbing for approval?

Surrender changes the goal from achievement to alignment.
“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding.” — Proverbs 3:5–6
It's better to be at the bottom of the right mountain than the top of the wrong one.