

SURAH AL-INSHIRAH

فَإِذَا فَرَغْتَ فَانصَبْ ﴿٧﴾

7. "So when you have finished (with your immediate task), still strive hard, (then toil),"

نصب *naṣaba u (naṣb)* to raise, rear, erect, set up, put up (▲ s.th.); to prepare, get ready, fit up (▲ s.th.); to pitch (▲ a tent); to plant, raise (▲ a standard, a flagstaff), hoist (▲ a flag); to plant (▲ a tree); ○ to level, aim (▲ a cannon); to install (● s.o. as), appoint (● s.o. to an office); to show, manifest, display (↓ toward s.o., ▲ evil, enmity); to direct, aim (▲ s.th., e.g., criticism, على against or at s.o.);

نَّ صَب

To stand up/to
exhaust oneself

وَإِلَىٰ رَبِّكَ فَارْغَبْ ﴿٨﴾

8. "And to your Lord turn (all) your attention."

رغب *raḡiba a (raḡba, raḡab)* to desire, wish, want, crave, covet (في s.th.); to ask-(من or ال s.o., في for s.th., ان to do s.th.), request (في s.th.; من or ال s.o., ان to do s.th.); to prefer (في s.th. to, also ب s.th. to), like s.th. (في, also ب) better than (على, also عن); to dislike, detest, loathe (عن s.th.), have a distaste (عن for); to wish (ب ل s.o. s.th.) | لا يرغب فيه

رَغَب

To turn to/to
devote to

The Mufasssireen (commentators of the Qur'an) have said the above two verses can mean several things:

'When you finish your obligatory prayers pay attention to supplication and ask Allah to give you what you want'.

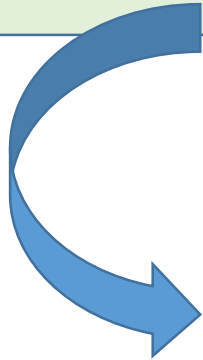
"When you finish your religious duties, get up for night prayers".

"When you finish your work/job/school, refer to the spiritual world and say prayers and do religious things".

"Never be idle or lazy at all. Do not put striving and effort aside. Always be busy and when you finish one task, begin another. And then once you have worked hard, seek to become close to Allah".

So we learn from the 2 ayaat that the formula for success is:

"To work hard" + "to turn to Allah, make du'a and rely on Him"



rely
-to depend on
-to trust
-to have confidence in



Turn to Allah fully with all your dreams, wishes and hopes

Put your trust in Him

Serve Him and His Deen

What has Allah promised for those who follow the success formula?

A good life – Hayaatan tayyibah

[Al Qur'an 16:97]

Protection

[Al Qur'an 22:38]

Taken from darkness into light

[Al Qur'an 2:257]

No fear and no grief

[Al Qur'an 2:277]

Forgiveness – Maghfirah

[Al Qur'an 5:9]

Blessings – Barakah

[Al Qur'an 7:96]