

# That You May Prosper

Only be strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, which Moses my servant commanded thee: turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest prosper whithersoever thou goest. -- Joshua 1:7

# God Desires Success

- His language fully expects it, Josh. 1:1-5
  - Go... unto the land which I do give, v. 2
  - Every place...your foot shall tread...have I given, v. 3
  - From... unto... shall be your coast, v. 4
  - I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee, v. 5
- He desires the best for all
  - No wish for any to perish, 2 Pet. 3:9
  - Salvation wished (not forced) to all, 1 Tim. 2:4
  - Success against temptations, 1 Cor. 10:13
  - Success in fellowship, 1 Jn. 1:3-10

## Keys to Prospering

### I. Be Strong and Of A Good Courage (Very Courageous) (Josh. 1:6, 7)

- Phrase: having unshakeable confidence/firmness with resolute mind
  - Based on promise of v. 5
- Serving God Requires Mental/Spiritual Grit
  - Sheep among wolves, Mt. 10:16-26a
  - Watch...stand...behave...be, 1 Cor. 16:13
  - Endure hardness like soldiers, 2 Tim. 2:3
  - Moral courage, virtue, 2 Pet. 1:5
- Stand Up'ers Needed

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### 2. Be Obedient (Josh. 1:7, 8)

- Servant of God is Observant of Duty
  - Obey ALL given to them (oral or written)
    - Moses on record: do not add/diminish, Dut. 4:2
  - We must learn this lesson well
    - Take gospel to world, Mt. 28:19
    - Proclaim all God says, Ac. 10:33
    - Preach faithfully for men will turn aside, 2 Tim. 4:2-4

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### 3. Be On Point (Josh. 1:7)

- Servant of God Aims Straight
  - Turning neither right or left
  - Do not stray, but abide in, 2 Jn. 9
  - Abiding proclaims love for God and God's children, 1 Jn. 5:2, 3

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### 4. Meditate (Josh. 1:8)

- Servant of God Careful Thinker
  - Take time every day: too much in word not to
  - Purpose: so you'll know what to do, v. 8
  - Meditate – concentrate – read aloud
    - Has learned to love it, Psa. 1:1-3
    - For a better understanding, Eph. 3:3-5
    - For your own good, 1 Tim. 4:13-15

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### 5. Unshaken and Undismayed (Josh. 1:9)

- This is phrase of v. 6, 7, 9 in negative form
  - {BE Unshakeable confidence with resolute mind}
  - Do NOT BE (state of) shakeness, fear, trembling
  - Do NOT BE (state of) beat down, dismay
- Servant of God must not be Afraid
  - Fearful to accomplish His will, Mt. 25:25f
- Servant of God must not be Dismayed
  - Not throw up hands quit or get down & stay down
  - To reap you must sow, Gal. 6:7, 9
  - If want success – DON'T QUIT