





"No one will be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you.

"Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their ancestors to give them.

"Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the Law My servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go.

"Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."

"Joshua's entire brilliant career was a straightforward story of simply setting down one foot after another in quiet compliance with the commands of God."

PHILLIP KELLER

- A I will never leave you nor forsake you.
 - B Be strong and courageous...
 - C Be strong and very courageous.
 - D Be careful to obey all the Law...
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 - E' meditate on it day and night...
 - D' be careful to do everything written in it.
 - C' Be strong and courageous.
 - B' Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged...
- A' God will be with you wherever you go.

The Security of Presence (1:5,9)

"...this charge to be strong and courageous would be daunting were it not for the framing promises: I will be with you. I will not leave you or forsake you (v. 5); and the Lord your God is with you wherever you go (v. 9)."

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The Necessity of Courage (1:6,7a, 9a)

Courage comes when we have confidence that God is there and that God has spoken.





The Centrality of Obedience (1:7b,8)

"Joshua was to live by obedience to the written Word of God and not in hope of special revelations."

JAMES MONTGOMERY BOICE

Oh, how I love Your Law! I meditate on it all day long.

Your commands are always with me and make me wiser than my enemies.

I have more insight than all my teachers, for I meditate on Your statutes.

I have more understanding than the elders, for I obey Your precepts.

PSALM 119:100

I have kept my feet from every evil path so that I might obey Your Word.

I have not departed from Your laws, for You yourself have taught me.

PSALM 119:102

How sweet are Your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!

I gain understanding from Your precepts; therefore I hate every wrong path.

"It is striking that God's instructions here to Joshua are not about military matters. The keys to his success were spiritual, directly related to the degree of his obedience to God...

"We are always seeking to understand God's Word even as we are called to obey it...sometimes before we understand it."

DAVID HOWARD





"So much of our frustration and impotence is because of our lack of obedience, not our lack of knowledge."

JONATHAN WILEY

"In God's world there is no substitute for full obedience. That is what we need today: not increasingly clever methods, still less increasingly clever people, but obedience informed and motivated by the living and abiding Word of God."

JAMES MONTGOMERY BOICE

"Among conservative Christians there is sometimes the mistaken notion that if we are truly Gospelcentered we won't talk about rules or imperatives or moral exertion."

KEVIN DEYOUNG

"It sounds really spiritual to say God is interested in a relationship, not in rules. But it's not biblical. From top to bottom the Bible is full of commands. They aren't meant to stifle a relationship with God, but to protect it, seal it, and define it."

KEVIN DEYOUNG

"Joshua and Israel will be successful not because they obey God's Word but because God is with them to enable them to obey His Word — just as Jesus promises to be with His disciples in their mission (Matthew 28:18-20)."

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But seek first His Kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

MATTHEW 6:33

Hezekiah trusted in the Lord, the God of Israel. There was no one like him among all the kings of Judah, either before him or after him.

2 KINGS 18:5

He held fast to the Lord and did not stop following Him; he kept the commands the Lord had given Moses.

2 KINGS 18:6

And the Lord was with him; he was successful in whatever he undertook. He rebelled against the king of Assyria and did not serve him.

2 KINGS 18:7

God's recipe for spiritual success requires essential ingredients of response.