

The Key to Success

Joshua 1:6-9

The land has been promised to the Israelite nation, but to succeed in taking it will require two things—the right attitude and a certain book.

Be strong and courageous (6,7,9)

- ❖ Why is this repeated 3x? 1:18, 10:25, Dt. 31:6,7,23, II Chron. 32:7
- ❖ Why is this needed if the land is promised? See problem in 7:5-11.
- ❖ For us—Eph. 6:10-12, I Cor. 16:13, Phil. 1:14, Acts 4:13

Do according to God's Word (7,8)

- ❖ Attention to Scripture described: 1) *Don't turn to the right or the left;* 2) *Keep the book in your mouth;* 3) *Meditate on the book day & night;* 4) *Be careful to do all that is written.*
- ❖ *prosperous* = achieve goal, Gen. 24:12, 39:2, Isa. 53:10, I Chr. 22:13
success (2x) = insightful success, I Sam. 18:5,14,15,30, II Kgs. 18:7
- ❖ Note focus is not \$\$\$, as Jesus will suggest in Mtt. 16:26.
- ❖ For us—Js. 1:25, Mtt. 5:19, 7:24-27, Jn. 8:31,32, 14:21

Don't be timid or dismayed (1:9)

- ❖ These two negatives = opposite of strength / courage are also in Dt. 1:21, 31:8b. Note contrast in I Chron. 28:20, II Chron. 32:7.
 - ❖ Repeated reason-- "Lord your God is with you" (recall vs. 5 too)
 - ❖ For us—Col. 3:16, II Tim. 3:16 / Js. 1:25, Mtt. 7:24-27, Jn. 8:31,32
- Question: Where will I look for insight for the way to true success?*

