

RIISING TO THE CHALLENGE

HOW TO BE STRONG AND COURAGEOUS

Joshua 1:1-9

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How can you become strong and courageous for the Lord?

1. Believe what God has promised.

"Moses My servant is dead; now therefore arise, cross this Jordan, you and all this people, to the land which I am giving to them, to the sons of Israel No man will be able to stand before you all the days of your life. Just as I have been with Moses, I will be with you; I will not fail you or forsake you. Be strong and courageous, for you shall give this people possession of the land which I swore to their fathers to give them." Joshua 1:2, 5-6

A. God has promised us a life of victory and abundance.

"The thief comes only to steal, and kill, and destroy; I came that they might have life, and might have it abundantly." John 10:10

B. God has promised us His enduring presence.

Let your character be free from the love of money, being content with what you have; for He Himself has said, "I WILL NEVER DESERT YOU, NOR WILL I EVER FORSAKE YOU," so that we confidently say, "THE LORD IS MY HELPER, I WILL NOT BE AFRAID. WHAT SHALL MAN DO TO ME?" Hebrews 13:5-6

2. Obey what God has commanded.

"Only be strong and very courageous; be careful to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, so that you may have success wherever you go. Joshua 1:7

A. God never gives suggestions to be considered.

B. Obedience reveals that you love and trust God.

"He who has My commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves Me; and he who loves Me shall be loved by My Father, and I will love him, and will disclose Myself to him." John 14:21

3. Study what God has written.

"This book of the law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is

written in it; for then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have success. Joshua 1:8

Your words were found and I ate them, And Your words became for me a joy and the delight of my heart; For I have been called by Your name, O LORD God of hosts. Jeremiah 15:16

A. God's Word is food for your soul.

B. God's Word is to be in your heart and mouth.

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous! Do not tremble or be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9

God wants you to experience His fullness.