

# GOOD SUCCESS

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**Message Title:** Good Success

**Message Text:** Joshua 1:1-9

## Introduction:

The book of Joshua opens up with a transition of leadership from Moses to Joshua. Taking the leadership of the children of Israel was not a small undertaking. It would be quite challenging! Not only would He need to gain their trust, but He was to lead them into a period of exhausting conquest. Multiple times God instructed Joshua to be strong and courageous. He provided Joshua with means by which to experience good success in his God-given commission. The same is very applicable to us as we enter a new year.

## 1. A \_\_\_\_\_ Season (1-6)

### A. Season of \_\_\_\_\_ (1b)

*Joshua 1:1 Now after the death of Moses the servant of the Lord...*

NOTE — Joshua had been a *support* to Moses for more than 35 years. He was about 85 at this time.

*Deuteronomy 34:7-8 And Moses was an hundred and twenty years old when he died: his eye was not dim, nor his natural force abated. 8 And the children of Israel wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days: so the days of weeping and mourning for Moses were ended.*

### B. A Season of \_\_\_\_\_ (1b)

NOTE — Before Moses died, he publicly passed the mantle of leadership to Joshua.

*Deuteronomy 34:9 And Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom; for Moses had laid his hands upon him: and the children of Israel hearkened unto him, and did as the Lord commanded Moses.*

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*Deuteronomy 34:10–12 And there arose not a prophet since in Israel like unto Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face, 11 In all the signs and the wonders, which the Lord sent him to do in the land of Egypt to Pharaoh, and to all his servants, and to all his land, 12 And in all that mighty hand, and in all the great terror which Moses shewed in the sight of all Israel.*

QUOTE: Israel had to stop looking back to the good old days when Moses had led, look ahead to the milk and honey of the promised land, and embrace new leadership. —Evans

“THE LORD SPAKE UNTO MOSES” — \_\_\_\_\_x

*Joshua 1:1 ...it came to pass, that the Lord spake unto Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' minister, saying...*

*Psalms 75:6–7 For promotion cometh neither from the east, Nor from the west, nor from the south. 7 But God is the judge: He putteth down one, and setteth up another.*

## 2. A God-Given \_\_\_\_\_ (2-6)

### A. Move \_\_\_\_\_ (2)

*Joshua 1:2 Moses my servant is dead; now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, thou, and all this people, unto the land which I do give to them, even to the children of Israel.*

DEFINITION—ARISE: to go out

ALL THIS PEOPLE — 601,730 men  
20 years and older able to go into  
war. (Numbers 26)

### B. Be \_\_\_\_\_ (3-6)

*Joshua 1:3–6 Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you, as I said unto Moses. 4 From the wilderness and this Lebanon even unto the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and unto the great sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your coast. 5 There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life: as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee. 6 Be strong and of a good courage: for unto this people shalt thou divide for an inheritance the land, which I sware unto their fathers to give them.*



Quote: He had already given them the land; all they had to do was step out by faith and claim it! —Wiersbe

### 3. A Good \_\_\_\_\_ (7-9)

SUCCESS — \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.

*John 17:4 I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do.*

#### A. \_\_\_\_\_ to God's Word (7-8)

*Joshua 1:7-8 Only be thou 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. 8 This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.*

LAW — Torah; the first five books of the Bible

HOW TO HAVE GOOD SUCCESS

\_\_\_\_\_ the Word

*Deuteronomy 17:18-20 And it shall be, when he sitteth upon the throne of his kingdom, that he shall write him a copy of this law in a book out of that which is before the priests the Levites: 19 And it shall be with him, and he shall read therein all the days of his life: that he may learn to fear the Lord his God, to keep all the words of this law and these statutes, to do them: 20 That his heart be not lifted up above his brethren, and that he turn not aside from the commandment, to the right hand, or to the left: to the end that he may prolong his days in his kingdom, he, and his children, in the midst of Israel.*

\_\_\_\_\_ on the Word

*Psalms 119:15 I will meditate in thy precepts, And have respect unto thy ways.*

*Proverbs 23:7 For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he...*

\_\_\_\_\_ the Word

DEFINITION—OBSERVE: to conform one's action or practice to.

*James 1:25 But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.*

*John 8:31 Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed;*

*Psalms 1:1-3 Blessed is the man That walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor standeth in the way of sinners, Nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. 2 But his delight is in the law of the Lord; And in his law doth he meditate day and night. 3 And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, That bringeth forth his fruit in his season; His leaf also shall not wither; And whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.*

## **B. \_\_\_\_\_ from God's Presence (9)**

*Joshua 1:9 Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.*

QUOTE: If you lay aside the Bible you will soon lose the sense of the presence of God. —Bud Steadman

*Isaiah 41:10 Fear thou not; for I am with thee: Be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; Yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.*

*Matthew 28:20 ...and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.*

*John 14:16 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter; that he may abide with you for ever;*

## **Conclusion**

QUOTE: Now, as then, we are assured of good success when we fill our hearts and minds with God's Word and obey it. —BKC



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