

## How to have a more successful New Year Part 4 handout

### Make the Movies and Play Them

Joshua 1:6-8

1. It takes two movies to motivate us to live the best live.

A. Not just the big things but especially all the small things you're doing.

B. That is both positive and fruitful or negative or unfruitful. Joshua was aware of how the visual could bless or curse him. Both visuals were important. Not just the positive visuals.

C. Joshua was over ridden by the negative visuals of the 10 spies who gave a bad report after returning from the promised land.

D. If they had visually seen where each decision would bring them they would have been both positively and negatively motivated for their benefit.

E. Joshua was there when Moses previously prepared them for the necessity of both visualizations.

F. Moses commanded half of the people to speak the curse of disobedience and it's consequences on the mountain top of Mount Ebal. Mount Ebal was bare and uninhabitable.

G. Moses instructed the other half of the people to speak the blessing of obedience from Mount Gerizim which was full of vegetation and had great potential for harvest.

H. As they faced each other and the valley in between them they could both see the contrast between blessing and cursing.

I. As they approached the two parallel Mountains, Mount Ebal was on the left and Mount Gerizim was on the right. The right hand represented blessing and the left hand represented cursing.

J. From an Eastern mindset Mount Ebal was on the left side to the north. Mount Gerizim was on the right side towards the south. When facing Mount Ebal your back was towards Jerusalem.

K. That was what the conversation was about with the woman at the well and Jesus.

2. Make the movies

A. If you keep working the job you hate, make a movie about where you will end up if you continue working there.

B. If you continue in an unhealthy and abusive relationship make a movie, observe your self doing what is harming you and your children.

C. If you continue to mishandle your finances, racking up debt, paying your bills late even when you do pay them.

D. If you spend too much time watching TV or playing video games will you neglect your potential.

- E. You're a "work -a - holic" you leave early before the kids get up and arrive late when they've all gone to sleep hours before.
- F. If you need to lose weight but don't seem to be motivated make a movie.

**3. Play both movies daily.**

- A. Too often we lack motivation because we need both movies.
- B. We also need another movie that inspires us to change when we're being abused, wasting our potential, wasting our time, ignoring our problems and making excuses for doing it.
- C. Make a movie for the little things especially. It's the small foxes that spoil the vine.
- D. It's our daily devotions that allow God to influence both our dreams and fears.
- E. It's our lack of discipleship that influences much of our improper behavior.
- F. How's your spiritual employment?