



Joshua: Taking to Heart God's Word

The first chapter of Joshua is one of the most inspiring books in all of the Old Testament. In the first nine verses, God spoke to Joshua, told him to arise, go over the river Jordan, and possess the land that He had promised the Israelites.

God told Joshua the boundaries of the land, He promised Joshua that no man would be able to stand before him all the days of his life, he was to be strong and courageous, be not frightened or discouraged for God would not fail or forsake him.

However, there was a condition that God required of Joshua in order for him to accomplish this call and commission.

“Do not let this book of the law depart your mouth, 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.”
(Joshua 1:8)

A lesson that we can all learn from these nine verses is that if we take to heart God's word and are careful to do everything in it, we too can accomplish with God's grace his desires for our life, His call and commission.

Psalms 37:3-4 “Trust in the Lord and do good; so you will dwell in the land, and enjoy security. Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.”

Psalms 37:23-24 “The Lord makes firm the steps of the one who delights in him; though he may stumble, he will not fall, for the Lord upholds him with his hand.”

-Bailey Howell