

How to Possess God's Promises

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"Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the instructions Moses gave you. Do not deviate from them, turning either to the right or to the left. Then you will be successful in everything you do. Study this Book of Instruction continually. Meditate on it day and night so you will be sure to obey everything written in it. Only then will you prosper and succeed in all you do." (Joshua 1:7–8, NLT)

1. BE CLEAR IN YOUR DIRECTION.

"After the death of Moses the LORD's servant, the LORD spoke to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' assistant. He said, 'Moses my servant is dead. Therefore, the time has come for you to lead these people, the Israelites, across the Jordan River into the land I am giving them. I promise you what I promised Moses: 'Wherever you set foot, you will be on land I have given you.'" (Joshua 1:1–3, NLT)

2. BE CONFIDENT IN YOUR DREAMS.

"Be strong and courageous, for you are the one who will lead these people to possess all the land I swore to their ancestors I would give them. Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the instructions Moses gave you. Do not deviate from them, turning either to the right or to the left. Then you will be successful in everything you do." (Joshua 1:6–7, NLT)

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous." (Joshua 1:9a, NIV)

"Anyone who rebels against your orders and does not obey your words and everything you command will be put to death. So be strong and courageous!" (Joshua 1:18, NLT)

FEAR keeps us in the desert.

Three Confidence Robbers

- EXPERIENCE
- EMOTIONS
- EXCUSES

3. BE COMMITTED TO YOUR DECISIONS.

"Do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go." (Joshua 1:9c, NIV)

"Jesus replied, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God." (Luke 9:62, NIV)

Three Sources of Discouragement

- PROBLEMS
- PRESSURES
- PEOPLE

4. BE CORRECTED BY YOUR DEFEATS.

"...Be careful to obey all the instructions Moses gave you. Do not deviate from them, turning either to the right or to the left. Then you will be successful in everything you do." (Joshua 1:7, NLT)

Example: the defeat of Ai (7:1-13)

5 BE CONSCIOUS OF GOD'S DEPENDABILITY.

God promises 4 things if we always obey Him:

- POWER
No one will be able to stand against you... (Joshua 1:5a, NLT)
- PRESENCE
For I will be with you as I was with Moses. (Joshua 1:5b, NLT)
- PROTECTION
...I will not fail you or abandon you. (Joshua 1:5c, NLT)
- PROSPERITY
...you will be prosperous and successful. (Joshua 1:8c, NIV)

ACTIONS:

SUPER CLASS SUNDAY – TODAY!