"First Steps to Success" - Part 1

Joshua 1:1-9

True success is not what the world thinks of you and what you have done, but what God thinks of you and what you have done .

1. God PREPARES those He calls.

- Joshua 1:1-2
- Exodus 17:8-10
- Exodus 24:12-13

As Moses was prepared to die he asked God to give the people of Israel a leader. God told him He had chosen Joshua

- Deuteronomy 31:1-8
- Romans 8:28-29

2. God PROMISES He will be with us.

Following Moses's death, Joshua faced one of the biggest challenges of his life

- Could he handle the responsibility?
- Would the Israelites follow him?
- Joshua 1:3-6

3. God PRESENTS us with the secret of success.

- Joshua 1:7-9

Joshua was successful because he paid attention to what God told him as he started his role as leader:

- "Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you, do not turn from it to the right or left, that you may be successful wherever you go."
- Difficult times are opportunities for God to move

Four parts to formula for success:

1. Joshua was to **KNOW** God's Word.
2. Joshua was to **TALK ABOUT** God's Word.
3. Joshua was to **MEDITATE ON** God's Word.
4. Joshua was to **OBEY** God's Word in it's entirety.

Joshua 1:7-8

- The successful life you want to live has everything to do with **knowing** and **obeying** the Word of God

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