

The consequences of our sin can either wake us up or wear us out.

There must be a balance between God's strength and our courage.

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How do we maintain strength and courage?

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Be strong and courageous for you shall give this people possession of the land which I swore to their fathers to give them.
Joshua 1:6

Why is the tension between God's will and man's choice necessary?

Because without both the balance of strength and courage God's people cannot do God's work.

Chazak describes a strength that God gives that is necessary to triumph over whatever one faces.

As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good in order to bring about this present result, to preserve many people alive. Genesis 50:20

Ematz, means to have the courage and the will to use the strength God has provided.

With strength (chazak) she girds her loins and has the courage (ematz) to use her arms. Proverbs 31:17

How do we maintain biblical strength and courage?

Only be strong and very courageous; be careful to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left so that you may have success wherever you go Joshua 1:7

By being focused on the faith we have in His strength and not on our fears.

Only be strong and very courageous Joshua 1:7a

By being careful to conduct our lives in obedience to God's word.

Be careful to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you Joshua 1:7b

This book of the law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. Joshua 1:8a

By being aware of those who have gone before us and have lived lives worthy of emulating.

Moses My servant commanded you Joshua 1:7c

By being patient to stay on the path without detouring.

Do not turn from it to the right or to the left. Joshua 1:7d

The biblical perspective on strength and courage is in the path one chooses to follow.

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For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have success. Joshua 1:8

What is the biblical meaning of success?

Biblical success is living in obedience to His word and His will and His ways.

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous! Do not tremble or be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go. Joshua 1:9