

## **Success in the Conquest**

*“Only you be strong and very courageous, that you may do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you. Turn not from it to the right hand or to the left that you may prosper wherever you go. This Book of the Law shall not depart out of your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, that you may observe and do according to all that is written in it. For then you shall make your way prosperous, and then you shall deal wisely and have good success.” (Josh 1:7-8, AMP).*

Success is not an accident. We must pattern our lives for it. This is God's way. The success we have today is a result of the things we did yesterday, and the day before, and the day before, etc. There is a definite cause and effect. There are principles for success given to us here in Joshua that we can apply and see the benefits of in our own lives. Many times our success is in direct portion to how engaged we are to the good counsel we are given. God always gives good advice. Joshua dedicated himself to success in his God-given conquest. He took the instruction given to him to heart. There are three decisions we can make that will cause us to also have greater success in the conquest God has given us.

**1. Be Committed** to the Conquest. You are where you are by God's design. Believe in your call. Trust God's commission. Seize the hour. This is your time to make a real difference. Don't wait for a better opportunity to arise. Seldom do we ever get them. Today is only today right now. Grip the handles of the plow that is before you and do not look back. Make success in this endeavor your highest priority. Repeat the promise of God constantly. Make it your obsession. If you are not committed enough to be obsessed by it then it was probably not given to you by God. See the future you want and dare to believe that God has given you this dream. See this picture day and night. Refuse to allow pictures of defeat to enter your mind. You have the control. Use it. Don't become sidetracked with other things (Prov. 4:20-22). See the completed project before it has even begun. Make time for God and believe He will clarify the picture He has given you more and more.

Know that God has designed you to operate in this manner (Gen 1:26). Believe in the manufacture's design.

**2. Be Consistent** in the Conquest. The secret of our success in anything is often hidden in our daily routine. Plan daily to feed the dream. Make this your habit. Constantly acknowledge the goals God has placed in your heart. Set aside time to pray and receive instruction from God's Word. This increases your faith. Look at the details of your day. Don't let your time be controlled by others or your dream will weaken. Guard the moments set aside to feed your mind with positive thoughts and faith-filled words. *“For thus says the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel; **In returning** and rest shall you be saved; **in quietness** and **in confidence** shall be your strength.....”* (Isaiah 30:15). Continue to return in your mind throughout the day to that which you have committed to. Keep returning to it over and over throughout your day until it becomes a habit. Make this your routine. Keep on doing what is called for by your success plan. Your consistency and faithfulness will bring results. As you are consistent with this it will become who you are. Do it day and night.

**3. Be Contagious** with the Conquest. Faith is expectancy. Expect results. Expect prosperity. Expect success. Success is contagious. Positivity attracts the successful, the go-getters and the hungry like a magnet. People around you will become excited when they see that you are excited, committed and consistent. Exhibit your belief in the goal and act as if it is a certainty. Say it aloud to others. “Better days are coming.” “We will have greater success here.” “We will deal wisely in our affairs and everyone will be blessed because of our actions.” Allow your words to change the atmosphere and the attitudes of the people around you. Allow others to share the excitement and to join in conquest. Encourage them to dream and believe. God created you with unique gifts that no one else can express the way you can. Express yourself and notice how contagious it becomes to others. They are waiting for you to do this and God is watching and waiting. Decide now to be the contagious leader God has called you to be in this hour. Dare to anticipate greater success as you become

committed to, consistent in and contagious with the conquest God has placed in your heart. Amen.