

# Sermon Outline

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## Principles for Success: Part Three

God had selected Joshua to succeed Moses as His servant and to lead the people of Israel into the promised land. God had promised to give them that land, all of the land, but they had to act to possess it.

First, Joshua, as the leader God had chosen, had to choose to be obedient to God and accept the responsibility that accompanied the delegated authority he received from God. He had to demonstrate an example of obedience to God's commands for the people to be willing to follow his commands.

However, God wanted more than outward obedience from Joshua and the people. God wanted heart-obedience, i.e., for Joshua to want to obey Him because he loved God and His commandments. God knew that if Joshua loved Him and desired with all of his heart to obey and please Him that he would obey whatever God told him to do without hesitation or compromise. The same must be true of us if we are to possess the promises God has given to us.

### I. THE SIGNIFICANT BACKGROUND

### II. GOD CHOSE JOSHUA

### III. RECEIVING/POSSESSING THE GIFTS OF GOD

### IV. THE BASIC ESSENTIALS

### V. THE LAW AND LOVE

### VI. LIVING BY THE LAW

#### A. *Be Strong and Of Good Courage: It's All In The Heart* Joshua 1:9

John 14:15, 21-24; Psalm 119:9-16, 47, 97, 127, 140, 145; Rom. 7:22; Col. 3:23

##### 1. ***Obedience*** is the same as ***faith***, an internal attribute

James 2:19-26

##### 2. Faith is never partial, but always total and wholehearted

###### a. Faith follows what the heart is inclined towards, what one desires

We desire what we love, thus one must be in love with God and love what He tells us to do, desiring to please Him. Psa. 37:3-7

###### b. Faith never argues — it expresses itself in actions of obedience

Faith is not selective or argumentative and does not require understanding. Hebrews 11:6, 8, 13-19

##### 3. Faith is the same as being submissive

##### 4. Faith produces joy and peace

#### B. ***Then*** Joshua Commanded .... the Spirit of Obedience is instantaneous Joshua 1:10

Joshua's instantaneous obedience to God showed that he loved God, loved God's Law and had inclined his heart to obey, not argue or hesitate!

##### 1. Joshua had to accept the delegated responsibilities of being a leader

God had selected and appointed Joshua and promised to be with him, but Joshua had to accept those responsibilities and be accountable to God.

##### 2. Joshua had to act, take charge, exercise God's authority over the people

#### C. God's Promised Gifts ***MUST*** Be Possessed Joshua 1:11-18

##### 1. God's promises of blessings require us to take actions to possess His gifts

##### 2. God allows no exceptions to His authority, rule and commands

##### 3. The people must accept the role of God's delegated authority Joshua 1:16-17

##### 4. There are severe consequences for rebelling against God's authority Joshua 1:18; 1 Samuel 15:22-23