

SERMON NOTES

The 15-Minute Test

Focused thought can empower your faith to do God's will

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Joshua 1:1-9 (NKJV)

¹ After the death of Moses the servant of the LORD, it came to pass that the LORD spoke to Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' assistant, saying: 2 "Moses My servant is dead. Now therefore, arise, go over this Jordan, you and all this people, to the land which I am giving to them--the children of Israel.³ Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given you, as I said to Moses. 4 From the wilderness and this Lebanon as far as the great river, the River Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and to the Great Sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your territory. 5 No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life; as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you nor forsake you. ⁶ Be strong and of good courage, for to this people you shall divide as an inheritance the land which I swore to their fathers to give them. 7 Only be strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded vou: do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go. 8 This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. 9 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."

The 15 Minute Test is really a CHALLENGE to begin setting aside 15 minutes a day to have your devotion time with God.

When our life is being guided by clear thinking and empowered by rich faith, we can do the will of God. From leading nations to leading a family.

THREE KEYS TO VICTORY

1. Be Strong and Courageous

Three separate times in our reading God repeats the same instructions to Joshua.

- Vs. 6 Be strong and of good courage...
- Vs. 7 Only be strong and very courageous...
- Vs. 9 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage...

2. Obey God's Law

Isaiah 1:19 NKJV

"If you are willing and obedient, You shall eat the good of the land"

3. Mediate Upon God's Word

Reoccurring Theme in God's Word—

Psalm 1:1-3 NKJV

¹ Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the path of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful;² But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and in His law he meditates day and night.³ He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth its fruit in its season, whose leaf also shall not wither; And whatever he does shall prosper.

The basic meaning of mediation (Hebrew: hagâ) and its cognates is a low sound, characteristic of the moaning of a dove (Isaiah 38:14; Isaiah 59:11) or the growling of a lion over its prey (Isaiah 31:4). The Brown-Driver-Briggs Hebrew and English Lexicon. Theological Wordbook of the Old Testament.

Revelation 1:3 NLT

God blesses the one who reads the words of this prophecy to the church, and he blesses all who listen to its message and obey what it says, for the time is near.