

Our Encouraging God

Good Words Precede Good Works

Three Things God Says to Joshua and To Us:

1. Let Go of Yesterday.

vs. 1,2

What did yesterday represent to Joshua? (vs. 1 & 2a)

1. High expectations. vs. 1,2
2. Great miracles. vs. 2-4
3. Many frustrations. vs. 5

- Joshua no doubt felt insecure, inferior and inadequate.

Application:

Today I let go of

2. Claim My Promises.

vs. 2b, 3

1. Claim God's will for your life. vs. 2,3
 - God's direction for my life depends upon my willingness and God's will.
 - My willingness – key word: Lordship
 - God's will – key words: Listening and Looking.

We know God's will through ...

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| a) Scripture | b) Prayer |
| c) Godly counsel | d) Circumstances |
| e) My desire | |

2. Claim God's presence in your life. (vs. 5)

- God will not send us where He cannot sustain us.

What does God's presence give me?

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| a) Confidence | b) Perspective |
| c) Peace | d) Courage |

3. Claim God's prosperity and success for your life. (vs. 7,8)

- God equips us to be successful. (Genesis 1:27)
- God expects us to be successful. (Genesis 1:28)

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3. Meet My Conditions.

vs. 6, 8 &9

1. Study the Scripture . (v. 8)
2. Obey God. (v. 8)

To obey God's Word effectively, I must ...

- Know it in my head. (memorization)
- Stow it in my heart. (meditation)
- Show it in my life. (visualization)
- Sow it in my world. (evangelization)

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3. Be strong and of good courage. (v. 6 & 9)

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