

Is there such a thing as a “key to success”?

Success is defined subjectively depending on effort, time, status, personality, goals, and a hundred other moveable points! It may be something one can see, but often it is something internal, and therefore even harder to measure.

So, where does one look to find the “**KEY**”, the formula for success? Or is there someone who could guide us through this journey toward success?

Over the next 31 days, you will be walking hand in hand with one of the most successful people to have ever lived! He came from humble beginnings, yet grew to be a world leader’s right hand man. He was then placed first in command of one of the world’s largest families, and successfully directed them to life in a land promised to them. Though he lived thousands of years ago, he is still an incredible model of both what-to-do, and what-not-to-do in order to succeed. Who is this model? **JOSHUA.**

In the following study, you will be reading through the Book of Joshua. Each day will focus on one attribute of success that Joshua exemplified. You will **READ**: Every successful person seeks knowledge, gains wisdom, and puts what they learn into practice. The best place to gather all of this is in God’s Word. You will **RESEARCH**: As you read, you take in “research”: You observe; hear words from people and God; a picture may be painted for you; you begin to form an idea about what you read. This section will help you think through the Scripture you read, and assist you in building the knowledge you need to succeed. Finally, you will **REFLECT**: Every successful person takes time to reflect. This space will guide you to think about the Scripture you read and researched more personally, allowing you to apply the knowledge, work the wisdom, and act upon the actions. At the end of each day, there will be a place for you to journal and list prayer items.

BEWARE, the truths revealed in this book may change your life! Are you ready to live successfully? Then, turn the key...



1. Key to Successful Living: COURAGE!



Read: Joshua 1:1-9.

Research: What is the first thing we are told in Joshua 1:1?

Who speaks to Joshua in verses 2-9? _____

What promise is Joshua given in each verse?

Verse 2 _____

Verse 3 _____

Verse 5a _____

Verse 5b _____

Verse 5c _____

Verse 6 _____

Verse 8 _____

Verse 9 _____

What is Joshua asked to do in each verse?

Verse 2 _____

Verse 6 _____

Verse 7a _____

Verse 7b _____

Verse 8a _____

Verse 8b _____

Verse 8c _____

Verse 9 _____

Write Joshua 1:5b (the last phrase of the verse). _____

A reminder of WHO was going to help Joshua with the second list.

Reflection:

Did Joshua show any reluctance, apprehension, uncertainty in the message he had been given from God? _____

What evidence in chapter 1 leads you to this conclusion? _____

How would you describe Joshua's attitude as he delivered the message from God to the people? _____

What evidence do you have to support this answer? _____

What message do you need to deliver today? Is there someone who needs to hear from you? Is there someone who needs to hear they did a great job? Is there someone you've been avoiding because you need to have honest words with them? Is there someone who needs to hear love and encouragement from you? Is there someone who needs to know God loves them, or God hears them, or God never left them? Be encouraged to CONFIDENTLY COMMUNICATE with others; your message may be exactly what God needs them to hear!

Prayer/Journal _____

Success is seeing your positive words and actions repeated by others.

2. Key to Successful Living: Communicate with Confidence



Read: Joshua 1:10-18.

Research:

What did Joshua do as soon as God was finished speaking? (vs. 10)

What message did Joshua give to the Israelites? (vs. 11) _____

What was the communication given to the tribe of Reuben, Gad and 1/2 tribe of Manasseh? (vss. 12-15) _____

What was the response from the nation to Joshua's communication? (vss. 16-18) _____

What is the last phrase in verse 18? _____

In what other verses from chapter 1 have we read this communication?

This is literally national leaders, who will go and give Joshua's words to their tribes, repeating word for word what God has told to Joshua.

There was no misunderstanding, no "whisper down the lane" effect, Joshua was an effective, confident communicator.

Reflection: What circumstance was Joshua in that God needed to remind him to have courage three times in less than 150 words?

What circumstances do you find yourself in that you need to hear the message "Be Strong! Be COURAGEOUS!"? _____

_____ God has a plan for every moment, every word, every message you hear! Right now, you need to hear this: DO NOT BE TERRIFIED! DO NOT BE DISCOURAGED! I AM WITH YOU WHEREVER YOU GO! - God.

Take time to look at the promises God gave Joshua. Each of them is an "I will" statement. There is no second guessing God. He will stand by His promises.

Take your doubts, fears, and discouragement and lay them at the feet of Jesus. He will replace them with truth, courage, and encouragement!

Prayer/Journal _____

Courage is not the absence of fear, but the capacity for action despite fear.

John McCain