

→ Why Joshua Continued to Win Victories

- ✓ He served as Moses's assistant from a young age
- ✓ Moses acted as God's representative, and Aaron was His spokesman
- ✓ During the journey through the wilderness, he heard the words Moses received from God
- ✓ He had experienced that the Lord's victory was granted when he obeyed the Word
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→ The Last word of Moses

Deut 32 : 45 When Moses finished reciting all these words to all Israel, 46 he said to them, "Take to heart all the words I have solemnly declared to you this day, so that you may command your children to obey carefully all the words of this law. 47 They are not just idle words for you—they are your life. **By them you will live long in the land you are crossing the Jordan to possess.**"

→ The first word of God to Joshua

Joshua 1 : 6 Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their ancestors to give them.⁷ "Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go. ⁸ Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.

→ The key to victory is "keeping and obeying God's Word."

1. Meditate on God's Word day and night.
2. Put God's Word into practice.
3. A life of prosperity in all things. Live to a ripe old age.

→ Obey with the same heart as God

II Chro 16:9 For the eyes of the Lord range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him.

- God's power is manifested not merely by putting His Word into practice, but when our thoughts and hearts align with His.
- The kings of Israel, Saul and David, approached putting God's Word into practice differently. Let's look at how their lives ended and learn from them.

➤ Learn from King Saul and King David

Acts 13 : 21 Then the people asked for a king, and he gave them Saul son of Kish, of the tribe of Benjamin, who ruled forty years. 22 After removing Saul, he made David their king. God testified concerning him: 'I have found David son of Jesse, a man after my own heart; he will do everything I want him to do.'

- 1) King Saul didn't obey the word of God **【I Sam 13 : 13 – 14】**
- 2) King Saul obeyed God only half heartedly **【I Sam 14】**

He did not punish Amalek, Israel's enemy, with burning wrath. Instead, he listened to the people and obeyed them.

3) King David wholeheartedly kept and obeyed God's commands.

I Kings 14 : 8 I tore the kingdom away from the house of David and gave it to you, but you have not been like my servant David, who kept my commands and followed me with all his heart, doing only what was right in my eyes.

4) King David walk with the word of God

Psalm 71:15 My mouth will tell of your righteous deeds, of your saving acts all day long—though I know not how to relate them all.16 I will come and proclaim your mighty acts, Sovereign Lord; I will proclaim your righteous deeds, yours alone.17 Since my youth, God, you have taught me, and to this day I declare your marvelous deeds.

5) Meditating the word of God day and night

Psalm 1:1 Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers,² but **whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who meditates on his law day and night.**³ That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither—**whatever they do prospers.**

Oh, the joys of those who do not follow evil men's advice, who do not hang around with sinners, scoffing at the things of God. ²But they delight in doing everything God wants them to, and day and night are always meditating on his laws and thinking about ways to follow him more closely.³They are like trees along a riverbank bearing luscious fruit each season without fail. Their leaves shall never wither, and all they do shall prosper. [living Bible]

Meditation on the Bible involves repeatedly savoring the Word and allowing it to sink deeply into your heart.

Application: The secret to a victorious life is “meditating on the Word, keeping it, and putting it into practice.”

→ Let's make it a habit to meditate on the Word.

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- 1) Choose a quiet time [early morning or evening].
- 2) Choose a quiet place. [Put your cell phone and other distractions away.]
- 3) Read the Bible slowly.
- 4) Repeat the words that stay with you.
Ponder them over and over.
- 5) Talk to God and pray.
- 6) Wait for God's response.