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Topic: **The Christian's Success**

Scripture Text: Joshua 1: 1-9

1. To the world, success means acquiring what they want eg. material possessions or good results. For a Christian, our success is not what the world defines. It has to be Bible-based and we can learn the Christian's success from Joshua 1: 1-9.
2. From v.1-2, we learn the definition of success which is to fulfill God's calling for our lives. For Joshua, his calling was to lead the children of Israel to enter the Promised Land. Joshua must trust in the Lord to obey this calling. He must first go into the Promised Land and then the people will follow.
3. Each of us has our specific calling from God in this life on earth. We must not shrink from it. We must follow and do what God calls us to do.
4. From v.3-5, we learn the assurance of success. The Lord assured Joshua that He would keep His promise to bring Israel into the Promised Land. There will be difficulties and oppositions for Joshua but God is the source of strength for him. God's presence will always be with us if we will to trust and obey Him.
5. From v.6-9, we learn the way to success. Joshua was exhorted to be strong and courageous in the way to success which is to mediate and obey all the laws of God. We must not be fearful Christians but rather stand firm on the Word of God. God did not tell Joshua the way to success was by any weapons or military tactics. It is always obedience to all the words of God that brings success to a Christian.