

*Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; 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. Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:8-9 (NIV)*

## **My Promises**

**How will you be encouraged? How will you be strengthened? What will make you courageous? How will you be careful to go and do everything I ask of you? What will help you to be prosperous and successful? What will you hold on to through all the ups and downs and twists and turns of life?** I know what I will not hold on to. **What's that?** I will not hold on to my gifts and talents and abilities. I will not hold on to my education and training. I will not hold on to my money and material possessions. I will not hold on to my strength and health. I will not hold on to my past accomplishments. Not one of these things will sustain me through all the twists and turns and ups and downs of life. **That's true.**

**You know quite clearly what you will not hold to when you go through trials in life.** Yes, I do. **That's good. Do you know what you will hold on to when you face all the storms of life?** Yes, I do. I will hold on to you. I will hold on to your promises. I will hold on to your word. **How will you do that?** I will hide your word in my heart. I will store your word in my mind. I will meditate on your word day and night. I will allow your word to guide my life. Your word will train me. Your word will instruct me. **Yes, it will.** Your word will teach me what I need to know. **What do you need to know?** I need to know that you will be with me. You will help me. You will lift me up and encourage me. You will strengthen me. You will make me courageous. You will help me to be prosperous and successful. You will make me able to go and do your will. **Yes, I will.** That's not all. **What else?** Your word will help me to do what I need to do. **What do you need to do?** I need to trust you. I need to rely on you. I need to put your word into practice. I need go and do whatever you ask of me. **Yes, you do.** That is what I will do. I will rely on you. I will hold on to your promises. **That will be very good.**

*Lord, I will meditate on your word day and night. Your word will be in my heart, on my mind and lived out in my life. I will think, speak and act on your word. Help me to be careful, strong and courageous. Be with me wherever I go and in whatever I do for you. Amen*

**Character** *Be Strong And Courageous*

Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; 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. Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go."

NIV Joshua 1:8-9

**Character** *Be Strong And Courageous*

Study this Book of Instruction continually. Meditate on it day and night so you will be sure to obey everything written in it. Only then will you prosper and succeed in all you do. This is my command—be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."

NLT Joshua 1:8-9

**Character** *Be Strong And Courageous*

This book of the law shall not depart out of your mouth; you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to act in accordance with all that is written in it. For then you shall make your way prosperous, and then you shall be successful. I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."

NRSV Joshua 1:8-9

**Character** *Be Strong, Vigorous And Very Courageous*

This Book of the Law shall not depart out of your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, that you may observe and do according to all that is written in it. For then you shall make your way prosperous, and then you shall deal wisely and have good success. Have not I commanded you? Be strong, vigorous, and very courageous. Be not afraid, neither be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.

AMP Joshua 1:8-9

**Character** *Be Strong And Courageous*

"This book of the law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it; for then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have success. "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous! Do not tremble or be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."

NASB Joshua 1:8-9

**Character** *Be Strong And Courageous*

This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful 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. Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."

ESV Joshua 1:8-9

**Character** *Be Strong And Of Good Courage*

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. 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."

NKJV Joshua 1:8-9

**Character** *Strength! Courage!*

And don't for a minute let this Book of The Revelation be out of mind. Ponder and meditate on it day and night, making sure you practice everything written in it. Then you'll get where you're going; then you'll succeed. Haven't I commanded you? Strength! Courage! Don't be timid; don't get discouraged. GOD, your God, is with you every step you take."

MSG Joshua 1:8-9

**Character** *Be Bold And Be Strong*

Constantly remind the people about these laws, and you yourself must think about them every day and every night so that you will be sure to obey all of them. For only then will you succeed. Yes, be bold and strong! Banish fear and doubt! For remember, the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

TLB Joshua 1:8-9

**Character** *Be Strong And Brave*

Always remember what is written in the Book of the Teachings. Study it day and night to be sure to obey everything that is written there. If you do this, you will be wise and successful in everything. Remember that I commanded you to be strong and brave. Don't be afraid, because the LORD your God will be with you everywhere you go."

NCV Joshua 1:8-9

# Be Strong And Courageous

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Week \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Character – Be Strong And Courageous**

**In Context: Read Joshua 1**

**Begin With Prayer:**

***Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.***

**Meditating On God’s Word: (What is God speaking to your heart?)**

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**Considering The Words: (What words speak to your heart?)**

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**Praying The Scripture:**

***(What prayer from your heart will you write?)***

Lord, I will meditate on your word day and night. Your word will be in my heart, on my mind and lived out in my life. I will think, speak and act on your word. Help me to be careful, strong and courageous. Be with me wherever I go and in whatever I do for you. Amen

**What It Means:**

***(What questions speak to your heart?)*** (Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)

**How has meditating on God’s word day and night made you able to put it into practice?**

Why will you never be able to put God’s word into practice if you don’t meditate on it?

**How has knowing, following and obeying God’s word brought prosperity and success into your life?**

When has failing to know, follow or obey God’s word brought poverty and failure into your life?

How has meditating on God’s word strengthened you and given you courage?

**How has meditating on God’s word been changing your heart and transforming your mind?**

How has meditating on God’s word been changing the words that come out of your mouth?

**Living It Out:**

***(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)***

Meditate daily on God’s night and day so that you will be able to know and do His will.

**Seeing It Happen:**

***(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)***

Have faith that the Lord will change your heart, transform your mind and guide your life as you meditate on His word.

**Get Ready To Share:**

***(What can you share with others from your heart?)***

Share with another person or your small group how meditating on God’s word is changing everything about your life.

**Close With Prayer:**

***Quiet Yourself Before The Lord***

*Pause And Offer Prayers Of...*

*With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You*

Adoration... \_\_\_\_\_

Thanksgiving... \_\_\_\_\_

Confession... \_\_\_\_\_

Intercession... \_\_\_\_\_

Petition... \_\_\_\_\_

**Journal**

*As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord*

**What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?**

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**What Prayers Are You Praying Today?**

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**Prayer Of Blessing**

*(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)*

*May you meditate on God's word day and night so you will be able to know and do His will.*

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**Prayer To Carry**

*(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)*

*Lord, I will meditate on your word day and night so I will be able to know and do your will.*

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**What Do You Want To Remember About Today?**

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**A Question To Ask God**

*(What Would You Like To Ask God?)*

*Lord, what from your word do you want me to know and do today?*

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