

Sample Study **Joshua 1-9**

1. Servant. Those who serve will be the greatest (chiefest) of all. D. L. Moody's son said, "The greatness of a man is not determined by the number of his servants but by the number of the people he serves."
2. He was a man of courage and obedience (Ex. 17:8-10). He was a man of faith and patience because he waited for Moses for 40 days on the mountain (Ex. 24.12-18). He was a man of faith in God as he could see past the circumstances that appeared overwhelming to others (Nu. 13:16-14:9). He was a man of exceptional character who was able to stand against the majority when they were not willing to trust God (Nu. 13:16-14:9).
3.
 - a.
 1. God said He would give them the Land (vv. 3, 4).
 2. God said that if they obeyed Him, no man (i.e., no army) would defeat them as long as Joshua lived (v. 5).
 3. God would be with them, and He would not fail them or forsake them (v. 5).
 - b.
 1. Joshua would soon be faced with the pressures of leading a large mass of people into a hostile land. The normal pressures of meeting the needs of the nation could easily cause Joshua to forget that God would not forsake or fail him.
 2. There would be those within the group who would question and resist Joshua's leadership decisions. Joshua needed to be reminded that it was God who was going before him and his responsibility was not so much to lead the people as it was to follow the Lord. The people would then follow his example.
 3. Israel was a traveling nation, not a hardened army. Many of the nations they were about to face presented a formidable enemy for Israel, and Joshua needed to be assured of victory through God's provision. No doubt he felt responsible for the safety and welfare of the nation and needed to be assured of victory.
 - c. Answers will vary.
4.
 - a.
 1. He was to be strong and courageous (vv. 6, 7, 9).
 2. He was to be very careful to obey all that God had commanded him through Moses (i.e. the Law).
 3. He was to make sure that his responsibilities as leader of God's people did not allow him to be sidetracked (turned to the right or the left, v. 7). In order to do this, he was to meditate on the Word of God and not allow the truth to get away from his thinking.
 - b. In an attempt to fulfill his many responsibilities, Joshua might have been easily tempted to forget the promises of God. The pressures of leading the nation and the responsibility of protecting them could have caused him to "play it safe" and never enter the Land. The repetition of the promises strengthened Joshua to press on in the midst of the normal temptations to the contrary.
5.
 - a. "According to all the law that is written therein."
 - b. Answers will vary.
6.
 - a. The true measure of success for a church must be heartfelt faithfulness to Jesus Christ in the midst of trial as well as and times of blessing. Will the congregation deny the Lord when adversity visits the church or will it take glory unto itself when God's apparent blessing is manifested within the church ministry? There must be an evident love for the Lord Jesus that is revealed by determined adherence to the Word of God and a love for others, including the lost. This love for others will be evident as the Lord adds people to the church.
 - b. Success in the Christian life is similar to the characteristics of a church body mentioned above.