God's Charge To Joshua

Introduction: **Joshua 1.1-9** Must not forget your goals or purpose in life. Always remember the basics. **Deut. 34.8.**

**I) Moses My Servant Is Dead, v. 2, 5**

**A) Moses was mighty but he was dead.**

1. They needed to focus on God.

2. Tendency of man to place too much emphasis on himself, **Ecc. 9.4.**

**B) There is a time to learn from the past and time to move on.**

1. Some tend to let the past ruin their future, **Phi. 3.13**

2. We live from day to day and need to concentrate on today.

**II) The Promises of God, v. 2-5**

**A) God rewards those who are obedient (act by faith)**

1. Heaven is more than an escape from hell it is a place of reward. **Revelation 21.10-11, 22ff.**

2. How often do we think about heaven and make that our purpose in life?

**B) There are other promises of God we need to think about**

1. All things work together for good to those who love the Lord, **Romans 8.28**

2. Where two or three are gathered together in His name, **Matthew 18.20**

3. He hears and answers our prayers, **1 John 5.14-15**

**III) Be Strong and Courageous, v. 6-7**

**A) They would need courage to stand up against the people of the land.**

1. They would be out numbered and face many obstacles.

2. They would face enemies within the camp, **Joshua 7.24ff**

B**) Just as we need courage to stand for the truth.**

1. Cowards will not be in heaven but in hell, **Revelation 21.8**

2. God's people must stand for the truth and that is not always easy.

3. Our strength must be in God.

**IV) Go By God's Law, v. 7**

**A) Deviation is wrong.**

1. Man can deviate in many ways.

a. Teaching the traditions of man

b. Stress one point while leaving out another point.

c. To neglect what the Bible teaches.

**B) Always check the compass**

1. Remember the moon missions when they would have to do a course correction.

2. Little changes eventually have drastic results.

3. This goes for young and old alike, **Ecc. 12.1.**

**V) Meditate On The Law, v. 8**

**A) Spend time to learn what the Bible says, Psalm 1.**

1. How is your knowledge of the Bible?

2. How much time do you think (Meditate on the Bible)? **Psalm 119.97-100**

**B) Meditation changes the way we think and act**

1. The Bible will either keep you from sin, or sin will keep you from the Bible.

**VI ) You Are Never Alone, v. 9**

**A) Sooner or later you may be by yourself but that does not mean you are alone**

1. Paul, **2 Timothy 4.16-17**

2. Even at judgment, **2 Corinthians 5.10**

**B) We have Jesus as our Advocate, 1 John 2.1.**

Conclusion: Be strong and stand with the Lord. He died for you and me.