

# BIBLE BOWL -2016

## Lesson #1 –Fundamentals of Strength and Courage

Scripture Reading: Joshua 1:1-9

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### Introduction:

1. The world presents a variety of challenges for faithful living before God, therefore we must be strong.
2. Christians are to be strong and courageous before the world by knowing the fundamentals.
3. Three fundamentals of strength and courage are...

### **I. FAITH IN GOD –vs. 3-6**

#### A. DAYS OF JOSHUA

1. Remember the promises of God –vs. 3-4, 6
  - a. Joshua was ready to take the land forty years prior –Nu 13
  - b. He is reminded that God keeps His promises; the land belongs to them.
2. No man will be able to stand before him –vs. 5
  - a. He saw the giants of the land earlier and was unafraid
  - b. He is encouraged to maintain his faith and trust in God

#### B. TODAY'S APPLICATION

1. We wrestle against principalities, powers, and rulers of the darkness –Ep 6:12
2. Situations in this life are not always fair. We commit ourselves to the One who judges fairly -1Pe 2:23

### **II. KNOWLEDGE OF HIS WILL –vs. 7**

#### A. DAYS OF JOSHUA

1. One must know the will of God to avoid sinning in ignorance.
2. One must also take the knowledge of His word seriously.
  - a. E.g. Nadab and Abihu –Le 10:1-3
  - b. E.g. Man gathering sticks on the Sabbath –Nu 15:32-36

#### B. TODAY'S APPLICATION

1. The people of God are destroyed for a lack of knowledge –Ho 4:6
  - a. The word of God is in abundance all around us, yet many are starving spiritually.
  - b. Sadly, there are passages of salvation in the Bible many have never read.
2. Others know the word, but do not take it seriously
  - a. They know what the word says about sin, but commit it regardless.
  - b. They know what is spoken for salvation, but disregard it.

### **III. OBEDIENCE TO HIS WILL**

#### A. DAYS OF JOSHUA

1. He was instructed to keep **all** the law –vs. 7
2. He was instructed not to deviate from the law –i.e. going to the left or to the right –vs. 7
3. He was instructed to meditate on the Book of the Law to be successful –vs. 7
  - a. Obedience always comes first
  - b. E.g. –The walls of Jericho and the defeat of Ai. (The sin in the camp had to be dealt before victory)

#### B. TODAY'S APPLICATION

1. Remember Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and forever –He 13:8
2. We must keep all the commandments of God, not just some.
3. We must acknowledge that obedience to God always comes before spiritual success.

### Conclusion:

1. God desires all to be spiritually successful before Him.
  2. This only comes through the knowledge of His will and obedience to it.
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