

Forward: Claiming the Life God Gave You
The Commission – Part 2 (Be Strong and Courageous)
Joshua 1:6-9

- (1) Strength is the _____ to overcome resistance. It is an adaptive quality. When you fully use it, you gain more of it; however, it decreases when you don't.
- (2) Courage is the _____ to face that which seems to be greater than your strength. Because strength is adaptive, those who continually have more courage than strength consistently increase in both, but those who continually have less courage than strength decrease in both.

In Joshua 1:6-9 God answers two key questions about his command to be strong and courageous.

- (1) God gives Joshua two reasons _____ he should be strong and courageous. (1:6, 9)
 - A. God _____ to use Joshua to lead Israel to victory! (1:6)
 - B. God promised to be _____ Joshua everywhere! (1:9)
- (2) God told Joshua _____ to be strong and courageous successfully—strictly obey the Law God gave Moses! (1:7-8)
 - A. _____ God's Word to understand how it tells us to interpret it. (Galatians 3:5, 19, 24-27, 2 Timothy 3:14-17)
 - B. _____ your life according to what you learn from God's Word. (Romans 12:2, Psalm 1, Ephesians 5:5-10)

CHALLENGE: Christ's death and resurrection guarantee our right to be God's children. However, our daily effort to trust and obey Him determines how we experience that life now. What _____ your faith and obedience to Christ – strong and courageous or frightened and dismayed?