

## New Year's Day 2023 Message



### **Title: Moving Successfully Into The New Year**

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“Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the instructions Moses gave you. **Do not deviate from them**, turning either to the right or to the left. Then you will be **successful** in everything you do. 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.”

**Joshua 1:7-9 NLT**

<https://bible.com/bible/116/jos.1.7-9.NLT>

How do you define success?

**The World's definition:**

By \_\_\_\_\_

**The Word's definition:**

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**Success is obedience to God, empowered by the Spirit of God, motivated by love for God, and directed toward the advancement of the kingdom of God.**

Success begins with obeying God's command to repent and believe in Jesus Christ. ([Mark 1:15](#); [Acts 19:4](#); [20:21](#)).

I. \_\_\_\_\_

“**Moses, my servant is dead.** Therefore, the time has come for you to lead these people, the Israelites, across the Jordan River into the land I am giving them.”

**Joshua 1:2 NLT**

<https://bible.com/bible/116/jos.1.2.NLT>

**A. Memorialize the past**

**B. Move on from the past**

“Do not call to mind the former things or **consider things of the past.** “Behold, I am going to do something new, Now, it will spring up; Will you not be aware of it? I will even make a roadway in the wilderness, Rivers in the desert.”

**Isaiah 43:18-19 NASB2020**

<https://bible.com/bible/2692/isa.43.18-19.NASB2020>

“This is what God says, the God who builds a road right through the ocean, who carves a path through pounding waves, The God who summons horses and chariots and armies— they lie down and then can’t get up; they’re snuffed out like so many candles: **“Forget about what’s happened; don’t keep going over old history.** Be alert, be present. I’m about to do something brand-new. It’s bursting out! Don’t you see it? There it is! I’m making a road through the desert, rivers in the badlands. Wild animals will say ‘Thank you!’ —the coyotes and the buzzards— Because I provided water in the desert, rivers through the sunbaked earth, Drinking water for the people I chose, the people I made especially for myself, a people custom-made to praise me.”

**Isaiah 43:16-21 MSG**

<https://bible.com/bible/97/isa.43.16-21.MSG>

“Brothers and sisters, I do not consider that I have made it my own yet; but one thing I do: **forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the [heavenly] prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.**”

## **Philippians 3:13-14 AMP**

<https://bible.com/bible/1588/php.3.13-14.AMP>

## II. \_\_\_\_\_

**“I have given you every place on which the sole of your foot treads, just as I promised to Moses.** From the wilderness [of Arabia in the south] and this Lebanon [in the north], even as far as the great river, the river Euphrates [in the east], all the land of the Hittites (Canaan), and as far as the Great [Mediterranean] Sea toward the west shall be your territory.”

## **Joshua 1:3-4 AMP**

<https://bible.com/bible/1588/jos.1.3-4.AMP>

“But the prince of the kingdom of Persia was standing in opposition to me for twenty-one days. Then, behold, Michael, one of the chiefs [of the celestial] princes, came to help me, for I had been left there with the kings of Persia. Now I have come to make you understand what will happen to your people in the latter days, for the vision is regarding the days yet to come.”

## **Daniel 10:13-14 AMP**

<https://bible.com/bible/1588/dan.10.13-14.AMP>

- A. We must know what God has promised
- B. We must believe what God has promised
- C. We must go after what God has promised

**“For we are God’s masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.”**

## **Ephesians 2:10 NLT**

<https://bible.com/bible/116/eph.2.10.NLT>

“For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, **which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.**”

**Ephesians 2:10 NASB2020**

<https://bible.com/bible/2692/eph.2.10.NASB2020>

“After leaving there, Jesus withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. **And a Canaanite woman from that district came out and began to cry out [urgently], saying, “Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David (Messiah); my daughter is cruelly possessed by a demon.” But He did not say a word in answer to her.** And His disciples came and asked Him [repeatedly], “Send her away, because she keeps shouting out after us.” **He answered, “I was commissioned by God and sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.”** But she came and began to kneel down before Him, saying, “Lord, help me!” And He replied, “It is not good (appropriate, fair) to take the children’s bread and throw it to the pet dogs.” She said, “Yes, Lord; but even the pet dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their [young] masters’ table.” Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, your faith [your personal trust and confidence in My power] is great; it will be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed from that moment.”

**Matthew 15:21-28 AMP**

<https://bible.com/bible/1588/mat.15.21-28.AMP>

III. \_\_\_\_\_

“**No one will be able to stand against you as long as you live. For I will be with you as I was with Moses. I will not fail you or abandon you.**”

**Joshua 1:5 NLT**

<https://bible.com/bible/116/jos.1.5.NLT>

“**Be strong and courageous**, for you shall give this people possession of the land which I swore to their fathers to give them.”

**Joshua 1:6 NASB2020**

<https://bible.com/bible/2692/jos.1.6.NASB2020>

“Only be **strong and very courageous**; be careful to do according to all the Law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, so that you may achieve success wherever you go.”

**Joshua 1:7 NASB2020**

<https://bible.com/bible/2692/jos.1.7.NASB2020>

“Have I not commanded you? **Be strong and courageous!** Do not be terrified nor dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”

**Joshua 1:9 NASB2020**

<https://bible.com/bible/2692/jos.1.9.NASB2020>

“Anyone who rebels against your command and does not obey your words in all that you command him, shall be put to death; **only be strong and courageous.**”

**Joshua 1:18 NASB2020**

<https://bible.com/bible/2692/jos.1.18.NASB2020>

IV. \_\_\_\_\_

“**This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall read [and meditate on] it day and night, so that you may be careful to do [everything] in accordance with all that is written in it; for then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will be successful. Have I not commanded you? **Be strong and courageous! Do not be terrified or dismayed (intimidated), for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.**”**

**Joshua 1:8-9 AMP**

<https://bible.com/bible/1588/jos.1.8-9.AMP>

“Only be strong and very courageous; be careful to do according to all the Law which Moses My servant commanded you; **do not turn from it to the right or to the left, so that you may achieve success wherever you go.**”

**Joshua 1:7 NASB2020**

<https://bible.com/bible/2692/jos.1.7.NASB2020>

- A. Don't deviate from it**
- B. Declare it**
- C. Digest it**
- D. Demonstrate it**

**Answer Key:**

**How do you define success?**

**The World's definition of success:** power, prominence, promotion, position or prosperity

**The Word's definition of success:** biblical success

- 1) We must say goodbye to our past
- 2) We must seize the things promised
- 3) We must stay focused on God and not people
- 4) We must stay true to God's precepts