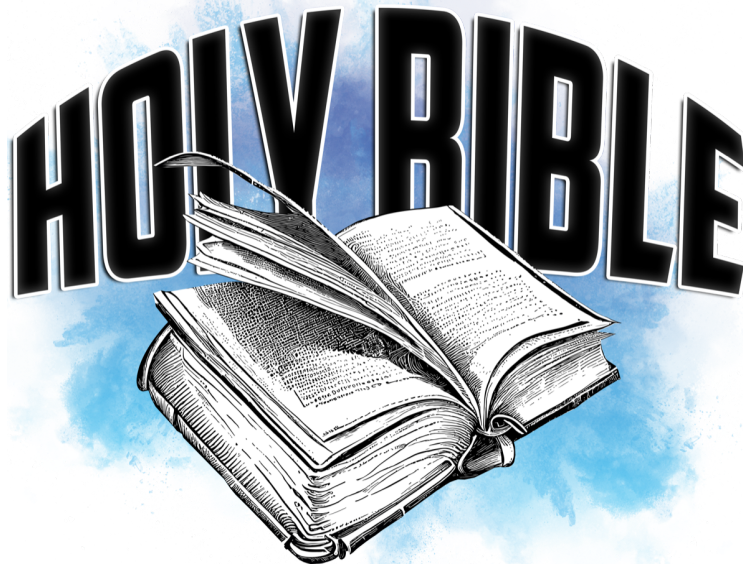


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**successful. Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous! Do not be terrified or dismayed (intimidated), for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”
(Joshua 1:8-9 AMP)**

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

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I.

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- We must learn the Word so we can speak the Word.
- When tempted, Jesus spoke the Word (Matt. 4)

“But he answered, **“It is written,** “Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.”” Jesus said to him, **“Again it is written,** ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’” Then Jesus said to him, “Be gone, Satan! **For it is written,** “You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.”

(Matthew 4:4-10 ESV)

<https://bible.com/bible/59/mat.4.4-10.ESV>

“I have singled him out so that **he will direct his sons and their families to keep the way of the Lord by doing what is right and just.** Then I will do for Abraham all that I have promised.”

(Genesis 18:19 NLT)

<https://bible.com/bible/116/gen.18.19.NLT>

“Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. **And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.”**

(Deuteronomy 6:5-9 ESV)

<https://bible.com/bible/59/deu.6.5-9.ESV>

“Yet we have the same spirit of faith as he had, who wrote in Scripture, “I believed, therefore **I spoke.**” We also believe, therefore we also speak.”

(2 Corinthians 4:13 AMP)

<https://bible.com/bible/1588/2co.4.13.AMP>

If you believe the Word, speak the Word!

II. _____

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(Joshua 1:8-9 AMP)

“Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You.”

(Psalms 119:11 NKJV)

<https://bible.com/bible/114/psa.119.11.NKJV>

“But his delight is in the law of the Lord, And on His law [His precepts and teachings] he [habitually] meditates day and night.”

(Psalms 1:2 AMP)

<https://bible.com/bible/1588/psa.1.2.AMP>

- **Hiding the Word in your heart involves memorization and meditation.... saying it repeatedly.**

“I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.”
(Philippians 4:13 NKJV)

<https://bible.com/bible/114/php.4.13.NKJV>

“No weapon formed against you shall prosper, And every tongue which rises against you in judgment You shall condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, And their righteousness is from Me,” says the Lord.”

(Isaiah 54:17 NKJV)

<https://bible.com/bible/114/isa.54.17.NKJV>

“Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.”

(1 John 5:14 NKJV)

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III.

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(Joshua 1:8-9 AMP)

“But prove yourselves doers of the word [actively and continually obeying God’s precepts], and not merely listeners [who hear the word but fail to internalize its meaning], deluding yourselves [by unsound reasoning contrary to the truth].”

(James 1:22 AMP)

<https://bible.com/bible/1588/jas.1.22.AMP>

“Now it shall be, if you diligently listen to and obey the voice of the Lord your God, being careful to do all of His commandments which I am commanding you today, the Lord your God will set you high above all the nations of the earth. All these blessings will come upon you and overtake you if you pay attention to the voice of the Lord your God. “You will be blessed in the city, and you will be blessed in the field. “The offspring of your body and the produce of your ground and the offspring of your animals, the offspring of your herd and the young of your flock will be blessed. “Your basket and your kneading bowl will be blessed. “You will be blessed when you come in and you will be blessed when you go out. “The Lord will cause the enemies who rise up against you to be defeated before you; they will come out against you one way, but flee before you seven ways. The Lord will command the blessing upon you in your storehouses and in all that

you undertake, and He will bless you in the land which the Lord your God gives you.”

(Deuteronomy 28:1-8 AMP)

<https://bible.com/bible/1588/deu.28.1-8.AMP>

“If you remain in Me and My words remain in you [that is, if we are vitally united and My message lives in your heart], **ask whatever you wish and it will be done for you.”**

(John 15:7 AMP)

<https://bible.com/bible/1588/jhn.15.7.AMP>

IV.

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How do you define success?

The World's definition:

By power, prominence, promotion, position, or prosperity

The Word's definition:

Biblical Success

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 will speak the Word, I will meditate on the Word and I will obey the Word!

I am strong and courageous. I will not be terrified, dismayed, or intimidated for The Lord God is always with me wherever I go, In Jesus' Name! Amen!

Answer Key:

I. This Book shall not depart from your speech.

II. This Book must be read and meditated on seriously.

III. This Book must be obeyed sternly.

IV. This book when handled the right way will bring Godly success.

What is the Holy Spirit saying to me through this message?
