

God's Calling Requirements

(Part 2)

"1 After the death of Moses the servant of the LORD, the LORD said to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' aide: 2 "Moses my servant is dead. Now then, you and all these people, get ready to cross the Jordan River into the land I am about to give to them—to the Israelites. 3 I will give you every place where you set your foot, as I promised Moses. 4 Your territory will extend from the desert to Lebanon, and from the great river, the Euphrates—all the Hittite country—to the Great Sea on the west. 5 No one will be able to stand up against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you. 6 "Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their forefathers to give them. 7 Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go. 8 Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. 9 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go." (Joshua 1:1-9)

God's calling is parallel to God's blessings. Many they are afraid when they hear about God's calling; they try to hide from the Lord and avoid taking the responsibility and doing the work of God. But one important thing needs to be made clear: God's calling for service is God's way to give the blessings. God's calling is God's way to prepare and to cleanse you from your sins and all your shortcomings. So don't be afraid, God wants to bless you in a new way. Your commitment to respond to God's call and your diligence to live as true disciple of Jesus and be in line with Him and His call it will be greatly rewarded by the Lord. God promised Joshua the following: ***"Your territory will extend from the desert to Lebanon, and from the great river, the Euphrates—all the Hittite country—to the Great Sea on the west."*** In the same way as you obey God's call and response to Him your territory of blessings and area of influence will increase as well; you will be going to hit and reach great things in your life.

Christ dead on the cross had paid the prize for our sins and paved the way for us to reach heaven. Jesus blood as we repent would cleanse us from all our sins and give us a clear conscious to serve God. We will be sanctified with His blood, His Word and the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives. And we will receive the anointing of the Holy Spirit that empowers us and open doors for us to preach the gospel. And He will give us the anointing to stand firm in faith and preach His Word and proclaim His will boldly. As He promised Joshua, ***"No one will be able to stand up against you all the days of your life."*** As you obey God and trust Him, He will do with you more miracles and support you as He supported Moses and Joshua.

God wants people who are willing and obedient so He will show His glory to them, as the Lord Had promised, ***"Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" (John 11:40)***

To take the responsibility to do God's work is a great and sensitive task but the Lord encourages us through His Word and message to us, ***"I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you."*** Therefore, ***"Be strong and courageous,"*** God wants you to be a man of courage; with boldness you will live your life to God and proclaim His will and message to the people around you; ***"Because you will lead these people,"*** God is calling you to lead others and bring them into the Kingdom of God. So if they will see you are shaken and afraid how they will follow God's calling. People their eyes are on you. So you need to be bold and courageous to be an example and a model to them to follow Christ. The Lord will give you the required strength and all what you are going to need in your journey to serve Him. He will be watching over you and will protect you as you move on to do His will and perform His plan.

"Be strong and very courageous, Be careful to obey all the law ...; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go." Sometimes as God is calling you, you might be tempted to turn to the right or to the left especially when people pressurize you and wants you to compromise. Therefore God wants you to be strong and very courageous to say no to sin or to the disobedience, so you will ensure the flow of the blessings of God in your life.

To ensure that you are walking in the way of the Lord and according to His plan and will, the Lord command you to do the following, ***"Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful."*** There are three essential steps you need to follow and not give up: 1- Read the Word of God that is in the bible. 2- Meditate on what it says day and night. 3- Be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be promoted to the next two steps 4- Be prosperous 5- And successful.

My Dear and Beloved: The Lord reminding us with His Word, "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go." God wants you to be a clear minded and stand firm in faith and to be obedient to His Word and commands; and not to be shaken by trials or hardship and difficulties, as you accept God's calling in your life and agree to pray.

My Prayer: Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins, who was buried and rose from the dead on the third day to give me eternal life. Lord I thank you for your Word to me. Lord I am willing to follow you and walk in your ways and obey your commands. Lord I repent from my sins _____. Lord cleanses me from all my inequities to be a clean vessel to serve you. I trust that you will supply all my needs and you will be with me wherever I go. Uphold me with your grace, this all I ask and pray in Jesus name, Amen.