

The Making of a Leader

Joshua 1:1-9

¹ After the death of Moses the servant of the LORD, the LORD said to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' assistant: 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 Mediterranean Sea in the west. ⁵ No one will be able to stand 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 ancestors 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 Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; 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 afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go."

I. Leaders learn how to lead by serving under someone else's leadership

Joshua served under Moses for 40 years and was known as Moses' assistant (Vs.1)

While serving Moses, Joshua got to see both his accomplishments and his mistakes
Consider Exodus 7:14-12:30 and Numbers 20:9-12

Leaders seek to serve others, not seek to be served by others

Jesus said in Matthew 28:20 (TLB), "Your attitude must be like my own, for I, the Messiah, did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give my life as a ransom for many."

II. Leaders develop the qualities that prepare you for success

Leaders have to develop strength and courage (Vs.7)

To be strong means to be steadfast in the face of challenges

To be courageous means to face danger even though we are fearful of a potential negative outcome

III. Leaders learn that their relationship with God is the ultimate key to success

Moses taught Joshua the blessings that came with obeying God, and the consequences that came with disobeying Him (Deuteronomy 28)

Leaders learn to keep the Word of God in our mouth (Vs. 8a)

Leaders learn how to keep the Word of God in our mind (Vs. 8b)

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