

Preparing For Your Future– Part 1 “Taking Ownership Of Your Life”

* **God’s destiny for my life is good**

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you HOPE and a FUTURE.” Jer. 29:11 (NIV)

* **I get to choose my destiny**

“...I have set before you life or death, blessings or curses. Now CHOOSE LIFE, so that you and your children may live!” Deut. 30:19 (NIV)

HOW TO POSSESS YOUR DESTINY

Joshua 1:1-11

1. **Prepare a plan**

“After the death of Moses the Lord said to Joshua, Moses' successor: ‘Moses my servant is dead. Now then GET READY to cross the Jordan River into the land I am giving you. I will give you every place where you set your foot, just as I promised Moses. Your territory will extend from the Sinai desert to Lebanon, and from the Euphrates to the Great Sea on the west.’” Josh.1:1-4 (NCV)

“So Joshua ordered the leaders ‘Go through the camp and tell everyone, ‘Prepare your provisions! In three days you’ll cross the Jordan and go in and take possession of the land the Lord your God is giving you for your own!’” Josh. 1:10-11

“Don’t go charging into battle without a PLAN.” Pr. 20:18 (GN)

“COMMIT to the Lord whatever you do, then your PLANS will succeed.” Pr.16:3 (NIV)

2. **I must build my life completely on God’s Word**

“But 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. STUDY this Book of the Law continually; 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.” Josh.1:7-8 (NIV/NLT)

“Those who seek the Lord will lack no good thing.” Psalms 34:10

3. **I must courageously step out in faith**

“Be strong and courageous!” (3 times!) Josh 1: 6,7,9

* **God is with me**

“NO ONE will be able to defeat you all your life! Just as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you or abandon you.” Josh 1:5 (NCV)

* **God keeps his promises**

“Just be determined and confident, for you will lead these people to possess the land I promised to the previous generation.” Josh 1:6 (TEV)

* **God has told me to do it**

“Have I not commanded you to do this? So be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go!” Josh 1:9 (NIV)