

PRINCIPLES OF GOD'S KINGDOM - Part 63 By Terri Hill

The Kingdom Principle Of Leadership - is revealed through the life of Joshua, who succeeded Moses. God is preparing His "Joshuas" to lead the people into the Land of Promise (Canaan). The life of Joshua, and the book of Joshua, teaches us that "FAITH is the victory that overcomes the world"; 1 John 5:4. Leaders like Joshua:

- A. ENTER the Promised Land
- B. CONQUER the Promised Land
- C. POSSESS the Promised Land

God's leaders are arising. These characteristics qualified Joshua to:

- A. Become a leader
- B. Maintain his ability to lead others

1. Joshua was born in the land of Egypt, but HE LEFT EGYPT BEHIND; see Exodus 12.

2. Joshua SUFFERED PERSECUTION from his brethren, but WAS FAITHFUL TO GOD; Numb. 14:6-12.

3. Joshua WAS A SERVANT; he faithfully served with Moses throughout his time in the wilderness, and was with Moses in the Mount; Exod. 24:13.

4. Joshua was one of the 12 Spies who was sent ahead of the others, and RETURNED WITH A GOOD REPORT; Numb. 13:8,16; Heb. 11:39.

5. Joshua WAS A WARRIOR, a wise military man, who understood protocol, practiced his skill, and knew how to use his weapons; Josh. 8:3-29; Exod. 17:9-11.

6. Joshua SEPARATED HIMSELF FROM CORRUPT COMPANIONS, rebellious people, and saw the consequences of their disobedience; Numb. 16:1-3, 28-33; Psalm 1:1.

7. The "MIXED MULTITUDE", who had an Egyptian, slave-mentality, DID NOT PREVENT OR HINDER JOSHUA from obtaining his inheritance; Exod. 12:38;

8. Joshua was diligent, A FAITHFUL CO-WORKER; Exod. 32:17; Prov. 12:24.

9. Joshua was a LOVER OF GOD'S HOUSE and GOD'S PRESENCE; Exod. 33:11.

10. Joshua was COURAGEOUS; Numb. 14:6-10; Joshua 1:6-7,9,18.

11. Joshua was a man of CHANGED CHARACTER; his name was changed from Oshea, meaning "helper", to Joshua, which means "Jehovah helps"; Numb. 13:16; Rom. 12:2.

12. Joshua SHOULDERED (carried and handled) A LITTLE RESPONSIBILITY AT A TIME, as it was given to him; Numb. 27:20; Exod. 23:29-30.

13. Joshua was filled with THE SPIRIT OF WISDOM; Deut. 34:9; Isaiah 11:2.
14. Joshua OBTAINED GUIDANCE from the Word; Numb. 27:21; Psalm 119:105.
15. Joshua was FOUND WITH THE ELDERS; Numb. 23:28; Prov. 13:20.
16. Joshua was an EXAMPLE OF FAITH to the others; Numb. 32:12; 1 Tim. 4:12.
17. Joshua CAUSED OTHERS TO INHERIT; Deut. 1:38; Joshua 21.
18. Joshua SUBMITTED TO THE LAYING ON OF HANDS; Numb. 27:18, 23; 1 Tim. 5:22.
19. Joshua WAS SET BEFORE THE PRIESTS AND THE CONGREGATION; Numb. 27:19; Acts 6:5-6.
20. Joshua RECEIVED ENCOURAGEMENT and GODLY COUNSEL from other ministries; Deut. 3:21-28; 2 Tim. 2:1-2.
21. Joshua RECEIVED A PROGRESSIVE REVELATION of his ministry; Deut. 31:7; Numb. 27:17; Josh. 1:1-9.
22. Joshua survived 40 years of Wilderness Wandering, became Moses' successor, and led the people into the Promised Land because HE PASSED THE TESTS!

A True Leader Has:

- a. An elevated perspective, and is able to give the people a vision of something larger than themselves.
- b. A team-mentality, and treats the others as equals.
- c. The ability to recognize other team leaders, and to delegate responsibility.
- d. The ability to trust and respect the decisions of other team members.
- e. A desire for excellence, to rise above the common and the mediocre; 1 Cor. 12:31.
- f. The grace to "go the extra mile"; Matthew 5:41.