

QUALIFICATIONS OF A LEADER

Joshua 1:9-18

Introduction: God had opened up new possibilities for Israel. However they must have proper leadership to accomplish their dreams and goals. What kind of person could take the place of Moses?

Notice *v 9*. Why did God have to remind, encourage Joshua of these four things? Wasn't Joshua already qualified? Why would God want someone who seemed to be unqualified?

Most people are too big to be used by God. They have their own ideas, strengths, goals, schemes and way of doing things. To serve God, one must be **TOTALLY** dependent upon God for **EVERYTHING**. God has to humble us before we can be used - if at all.

I. JOSHUA WAS A FAITHFUL MAN

1. He was the right hand of Moses for 80 years.
2. He fought, spied, encouraged and was faithful.
3. For 80 years Joshua was behind the scenes, now he is told to be Israel's leader.
4. Who knows what God has in mind? There is no place too insignificant nor job too menial.
5. God works through **LITTLE**, insignificant (foolishness of men) things, people.
6. Who does his/her best if nobody is around to see? How well do we perform when others are watching?
- What is the reason behind our service to God and His Church? Are we faithful?
7. Jesus had 30 quiet years of obscurity, then for three years He lived in the public's eye, doing God's will as much then as the past 30 years.
8. An obscure, quiet past is no logical, human reason to suddenly rise up and do great things for God.

II. JOSHUA HAD A DISTINCT CALL FROM GOD

1. Joshua knew what lay ahead, the difficulties, but he also had no doubt that God had called him for the task and that made the difference.
2. Human "qualifications" are not what is important. Being **CALLED** is everything.
3. Most Church leaders, sadly, are not called, but are serving for other reasons.
4. On the contrary, God has called many and they have refused.
5. The secret to successfully serving God is to let **NOTHING** stand between you and God's will.

III. JOSHUA MEDITATED UPON GOD'S WORD DAY AND NIGHT

1. Belonging to the Lord, indwelt by the Holy Spirit, God's Word hid in the heart, THERE IS NO SHORT CUT to Holiness.
2. To be holy, one MUST get in to God's Word.
 - Leadership for God is done from the knees, over an open Bible.
3. Jesus often quoted the Bible. His power came from the Word of God and prayer.
4. There is no power, nor weapon greater than God's Word. The weak become strong, the ignorant become knowledgeable, etc....

CONCLUSION:

1. There is a price to pay to be used by God!
 - Cancel every responsibility in your life other than what God's will is for your life.
2. Meditate upon God's Word day and night.
3. Practice Holiness.
4. Too many are in places of leadership for the wrong reasons.
5. If you are serving in a place of leadership in God's Church, why are you serving?