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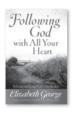
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Success Made Simple

This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth,
but you shall meditate in it day and night,
that you may observe to do
according to all that is written in it.
For then you will make your way prosperous,
and then you will have good success.

Joshua 1:8



Read chapter 1, "Success Made Simple," in *Following God with All Your Heart*. Note any new truths or encouragements that motivate you to tackle what God is asking of you today.

What exciting opportunities are yours today as you seek to follow God? Jot them down and keep them in mind as you work your way through this exciting lesson on trusting God for His will and plan for your life.

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Hiding God's Word in Your Heart

Memorize Joshua 1:8. Write down how it appears in your favorite version of the Bible. You may want to look at a few other translations and note any words that differ to help you better understand the meaning of this powerful verse. What part of this verse really stands out and speaks to your heart today?

God Shows You the Way to Success

Using a dictionary, write out a definition of "success."

What does Joshua 1:8 say is involved in success?

A Man Who Wholeheartedly Followed God

Read Joshua 1:1-9. List several things you learn about Joshua in these few verses.

Joshua is a dynamic figure in history. Look up the following verses and jot down the highlights of his life that led up to his encounter with God at the Jordan River.

Exodus 17:8-13-

Exodus 24:13—

Exodus 33:11—

Numbers 13:16-18 and 14:6-9—

Numbers 27:15-22—

A Woman's Heart for God

Every Christian woman has many roles and responsibilities along with nurturing her relationship with the Lord. What are your daily responsibilities at this stage of your life? And what does God expect you to take care of, regardless of the challenges? List your job assignments from God.

Joshua was given the job of shepherding God's people. What similarities do you see between your God-given responsibilities and Joshua's?

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Look in your book at the three instances where God told Joshua to be strong and courageous. Note the golden promise God added in each case:

Joshua 1:6—
verse 7—
verse 9—

Pinpoint a hurdle in front of you. Share in a sentence how God's commands to Joshua strengthen your heart for the task ahead.

Success Starts with Following God's Word

To dig a little deeper, list the two specific commands given to Joshua in Joshua 1:8.

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According to verse 9, what would happen if Joshua followed God's commands?

What do the following scriptures teach about God's Word?

Psalm 119:11—

Psalm 119:105—

Acts 20:32-

Hebrews 4:12—

1 Peter 1:23—

How can knowing these few facts about the Bible contribute to your success? How do they encourage you to look to the Bible and follow what it says?

> Either sin will keep you from your Bible or your Bible will keep you from sin.

Moving Forward

Read this section in your book again. Write out the steps or actions you were asked to take to fulfill your desire to become a successful woman. Feel free to add any additional items to this list.

As you consider these steps, check the ones you will take today. What difference do you think moving forward on these steps will make in enjoying success God's way as you live out His plan?