



# Joshua

Part #4 –

Observe to do

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*With excerpts from on vision – Myles  
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# Introduction

## Key Scriptures

- Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, which Moses my servant commanded thee: turn not from it *to* the right hand or *to* the left, that thou mayest prosper whithersoever thou goest. – Joshua 1:7
- This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success. – Joshua 1:8
- Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God *is* with thee whithersoever thou goest. – Joshua 1:9



# Introduction – Cont'd

## Key Scriptures

- Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded: and if in any thing ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you. – Philippians 3:13-15
- All things are lawful unto me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any. – 1 Corinthians 6:12
- All things are lawful for me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but all things edify not – 1 Corinthians 10:23



# Keys

- Only one thing is necessary, to be strong in order to **observe to do!**
  - This is a compound statement barely understood and perhaps trips many sincere seekers
- The key to achieving your vision is discipline
- The only text that produces life is revelation by the Holy Spirit inspired Scriptures
- The unpredictable and complex nature of the journey requires a mind fully persuaded and settled about what God had said through His word
- The word of God is the constant in any frontier – it does not change!
- To observe, is to find your image and reflection in the word of God. You've got to see yourself in there!
- People don't give to people because they know them, they give to vision



# In this lesson

1. Observe to do
  1. Discipline
  2. Vision



# Definition

- Observe:
  1. Notice or perceive (something) and register it as being significant.
    1. Watch (someone or something) carefully and attentively
    2. Take note of or detect (something) in the course of a scientific study
  2. Make a remark
  3. Fulfill or comply with (a social, legal, ethical, or religious obligation).
    1. Maintain (silence) in compliance with a rule or custom, or temporarily as a mark of respect
    2. Perform or take part in (a rite or ceremony).
    3. Celebrate or acknowledge (an anniversary).
- Do:
  1. Perform (an action, the precise nature of which is often unspecified).
  2. Achieve or complete



# Synonyms

- **Observe**

- Notice
- See
- Note
- Perceive
- Discern
- Remark
- Spot
- Detect
- Discover

- Distinguish
- Make out
- Espy
- Decry
- Behold
- Remark

- **Do**

- Carry out
- Undertake
- Discharge
- Execute
- Perpetrate
- Perform
- Accomplish
- Implement
- Achieve

- Complete
- Finish
- Conclude
- Bring about



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- The call is to only be strong and very courageous
- A self-imposed standard for the sake of a higher goal.





# Discipline

## **Discipline**

- All leaders have to have the quality of self-discipline
- A leader does not discipline from the outside
- The key to achieving your vision is discipline
- Where there is no vision people throw off restraint – or self discipline
- The key to your life is finding a vision that imposes discipline on you
- Vision is the source of discipline
- Discipline is the root of leadership



# Discipline – Cont'd

- A disciplined person attracts people, because people admire disciplined people
- People trust a person they perceive to be disciplined
- If you remain consistent and disciplined, you will find that people will come to watch you
- **Discipline comes from vision**
- **Disciplined people live narrowly**
- When you capture a vision, it simplifies everything
- Vision controls your choices
- If you know what you want, you know what roads won't lead you there



# Vision

- Vision defines you what to do
- It gives you your permanent address
- Your destiny dictates your decisions
- You were not born to do everything
- You don't have a lot to do in life
- Paul said...This one thing I do - His vision defined his life

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# Vision – Cont'd

- Be very clear about what your vision is.
- This is the time for intentional living
- Vision dictates everything
- No one wants to end up in life being a “jack of all trades but a master of none”
- You become a leader when you find the thing you are supposed to master
- Vision should or is supposed to be the source of your human motivation
- *Poverty is not a problem – It is a result. Most people are poor because they do not know who they are – Myles Munroe*



# Vision – Cont'd

- Vision helps you identify yourself
- Do not seek success
- Seek to become a person of value
- Make yourself valuable and people will pay you to see you or watch you
- Make yourself just like gold
- Develop a gift in your life that is so valuable to someone else that they'll pay you to perform it.
- Make yourself a person of value – don't seek success



# Vision – Cont'd

- If someone had to think about something that reminded them of you, what will that be?
- If someone had to seek a gift in order to solve a particular problem – Do they think of you?
- If they never think of you – You never made yourself valuable
- Become so good in an area that they cannot ignore you
- We were not born to be stocked on the shelf of the general category.
- The world is full of general people
- Leaders do not see things as they are, but as they should be (this is the difference between sight and vision)



# Vision – Cont'd

- All true visions will be tested for authenticity – If it is truly from God.
- Life will test your vision to prove if it is authentic
- The proving is not to stop it, but rather to test it
- Sometimes your vision may take you to prison – But you must go there with it and come out with it. Even the test of prison cannot destroy an authentic vision
- If your vision was terminated by trials, it was probably not authentic!
- Is your vision so authentic to you?
- How much are you willing to pay to keep what you believe in?



# Vision – Cont'd

- Vision is powerful
- True vision is discovered, when you discover something, you are willing to die for
- Visionary leaders ask the question: *what kind of history do you dream of making?*
- What is it that you'll like to do to write your part of history?





# Vision – Cont'd

## **Things people with vision will choose**

1. Vision will choose your future
2. Vision will choose your friends
3. Vision will choose your library
4. Vision will choose your use of time
5. Vision will choose your use of energy
6. Vision will choose your movies
7. Vision will choose your priorities
8. Vision will choose your hobbies
9. Vision will choose your diet



# Vision – Cont'd

## **Things people with vision will choose**

- 10. Vision will choose where you invest your money
- 11. Vision will choose your attitude in life
- 12. Vision will choose your life
- 13. Vision will choose your life's plan
- 14. Vision will dictate your values
- 15. Vision will change everything



# Vision – Cont'd

## **The impact of vision on leadership**

- Vision clarifies purpose; gives direction and empowers leaders beyond his/her assets
- Vision does not allow you to live by what you don't have
- Vision creates; Vision attracts resources
- People don't give to people they give to vision
- It is important to clarify your vision that everyone may see it
- Friends are important to your vision – Don't be with anyone that does not make you baby leap



# Conclusion

## **From the pages of Joshua**

- This “book of the law” provided the context through which Joshua should evaluate his progress and remain on course. It was to provide him the discipline, avoid unnecessary distractions and sharpen his vision



# Next Week

We will continue next week, beginning with:

- Taking the land