

Knowing your Assignment

“It takes courage”

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Joshua 1:1–9 NKJV “After the death of Moses the servant of the Lord, it came to pass that the Lord spoke to Joshua the son of Nun, Moses’ assistant, saying: ² “Moses My servant is dead. Now therefore, arise, go over this Jordan, you and all this people, to the land which I am giving to them the children of Israel. ³ Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given you, as I said to Moses. ⁴ From the wilderness and this Lebanon as far as the great river, the River Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and to the Great Sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your territory. ⁵ No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life; as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you nor forsake you. ⁶ Be strong and of good courage, for to this people you shall divide as an inheritance the land which I swore to their fathers to give them. ⁷ Only be strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go. ⁸ 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. ⁹ Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”

Joshua needed courage

Joshua 1:7–9 NKJV “Only be strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go. ⁸ 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. ⁹ Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”

Joshua 1:9 AMP Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous! Do not be terrified or dismayed (intimidated), for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”

Joshua took action

Joshua 1:10-11 NKJV Then Joshua commanded the officers of the people, saying, ¹¹“Pass through the camp and command the people, saying, ‘Prepare provisions

for yourselves, for within three days you will cross over this Jordan, to go in to possess the land which the Lord your God is giving you to possess.”

Jesus knew His assignment

Luke 19:10 NKJV “for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.”

Jesus understood who He was, why He came, and what He must accomplish. He lived focused on His assignment.

My assignment

Proverbs 24:11 NKJV “Deliver those who are drawn toward death, and hold back those stumbling to the slaughter.”

The assignment pie (Examples of assignment roles);

1. Being a Christian (The worthy calling)
2. Being a father
3. Being a husband
4. Being a son
5. Being a pastor
6. Being a leader
7. Being a trainer
8. Being an encourager

My assignment may have multiple parts. You cannot drop one to fulfill another, balance and focus are required. You must stay focused and faithful in all areas.

Assignment killers or things that destroy or weaken your calling:

- Laziness
- Doubt
- Busyness
- Distractions (TV, social media, etc.)

- Being around people without purpose
- Chasing worldly material things
- Crowding out the voice of God

Assignment motivators are the things that strengthen your calling:

- Prayer
- Fasting
- Retreats
- Training
- Staying physically healthy
- Sleeping well
- Schooling
- Daily learning
- Disciplining others
- Lifelong mentoring

Closing thought: Our assignment is not one title, it's a life of faithfulness. We have our callings at home, at work, in ministry, in private. Success in God's kingdom is not about doing one thing greatly while neglecting the rest. It's about steady obedience in every role He has entrusted to you. Stay faithful. Stay courageous. Stay in the Word and trust that God will do the rest.