

Victorious Christian Living

PART 1 Joshua 1:1-10

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I. The death of Moses signifies that...

- A. Things had seriously changed. In fact, the leadership team (Aaron, Miriam and Moses) of the Israeli nation had passed away.
- B. On top of this...a whole generation had passed away.
- C. On top of this they are about to stop living in the desert.

II. What did they do in response to all this change?

- A. They **grieved the loss** of Moses.
- B. They **drew near** to God.
- C. They **inquired** of God.
- D. They acknowledged times were **changing**.

III. Victorious Christian living equals **continuous change**.

- A. In “christianese” we call it “**sanctification**” and it is an ongoing process (I Cor. 3:18; John 17:19).
- B. Change is needed for **growth** (II Pet. 3:18).
- C. Our **future hope** rests on change (1 Cor. 15:51-52).
- D. We need to **encourage each other** to change (1 Thes. 5:11).
- E. In the midst of the pain of change, remember **God** does not change (Mal. 3:6a; Heb. 13:8).

IV. One of the primary things that keeps us from changing is **fear**.

- A. **Good** fear – God gave us good fear to protect us.
- B. **Bad** fear – zeroes in on self and justifies disobedience.

V. What drives out fear?

- A. **Love** (I Jn. 4:18).
- B. **God’s presence** (Deut. 31: 8,23; Josh. 1:5, 9; Heb. 13:5b).



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