RULE OF SUCCESS

Josh 1:1-9

INTRODUCTION:

A. Principles that were truth and right then are truth and right now - plan of salvation and worship have been changed Rom 15:4
B. Israel about to enter Canaan, God gives them a rule of success
C. As long as Israel followed this rule they had success
D. This rule will also give us success today - for which everyone is searching.

DISCUSSION:

I. BOOK OF LAW NOT DEPART FROM THEIR MOUTH Josh 1:8

A. Must hear God's law
   1. Israel commanded to hear Prov 28:9
   2. We must hear also Acts 3:22,23; Rom 10:17
B. Must speak God's law Josh 1:8
   1. Israel to speak it faithfully Jer 23:28
   2. Speak gospel faithfully 1Pet 4:11; Acts 4:20

II. MEDITATE THEREON DAY AND NIGHT Josh 1:8

A. As a man thinks in his heart so is he Prov 23:7
B. Delight (take pleasure in) is in the law of Lord Psa 1:1,2
C. Instructed to meditate on these things 1Tim 4:15
D. Think on these things Phil 4:8
E. Search the scriptures Acts 17:11

III. DO ALL THINGS WRITTEN THEREIN Josh 1:8

A. God always required obedience Matt 7:21
   1. Keep commands whole duty of man Eccl 12:13
   2. To know him we must keep his commands 1Jhn 2:4
   3. Obedience required of the patriarchs
B. Inactive religion is vain Jas 2:20-26
C. We are limited by: "all that is written" Josh 1:8
   1. There is only one gospel Gal 1:6-9
   2. Not to go beyond 2Jhn 9,11
   3. Speak as the oracles of God 1Pet 4:11

IV. THE RESULTS OF THIS RULE OF SUCCESS Josh 1:8

A. Then thou shalt make thy way prosperous
   1. David's description Psa 1:1-6
   2. Christ's statement Matt 6:33
B. Then thou shalt have good success
   1. Promise to Israel Josh 1:6 (conditional)
   2. Promises to Christians
      a. Know God if keep his commandments 1Jhn 2:3
      b. Enter Kingdom Matt 7:21 (conditional)
      c. Freedom from sins Rom 6:17,18 (conditional)
      d. Right to tree of life Rev 22:14 (conditional)

CONCLUSION:

A. Israel had to follow this rule to have the blessings of God
B. When they failed to follow they were punished
C. We today as Christians must follow this rule to have the blessings of God
D. When we fail to follow this rule we will be punished eternally for our disobedience.