

PERCEPTION

Jos 1:7 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.

The word “prosper” means circumspect and hence intelligent; expert; wisdom to guide wittingly.

Jos 1:8 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.

The word “prosperous” means to push forward or to break out, come mightily, to go over and be profitable.

Deu 29:2 And Moses called unto all Israel, and said unto them, Ye have seen all that the LORD did before your eyes in the land of Egypt unto Pharaoh, and unto all his servants, and unto all his land;

Deu 29:3 The great temptations which thine eyes have seen, the signs, and those great miracles:

Deu 29:4 Yet **the LORD hath not given you an heart to perceive**, and eyes to see, and ears to hear, unto this day.

What an indictment on a people who had witnessed 20 mighty miracles. They saw, but they did not perceive due to hardness of heart. They refused to “see and hear”.

I believe the difference between the millions that did not have perception and Joshua was that Joshua had a fear of God. He loved the law of God that was taught by Moses.

He was receptive and obedient. Joshua was grounded in the “law” of God.

This is the secret of his progression. Many Christians are not progressing, because they no longer fear the Lord.

PRO 17:27 He that hath knowledge spareth his words: and a man of understanding is of an excellent spirit. 28 Even a fool, when he holdeth his peace, is counted wise: and he that shutteth his lips is esteemed a man of understanding.

PRO 14:7 Go from the presence of a foolish man, when **thou perceivest not in him the lips of knowledge**.

EPH 4:22 That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts;

EPH 4:29 Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, **but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.**

REV 12:11 And **they overcame** him by the blood of the Lamb, and **by the word of their testimony**; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

Having a testimony of great victory is the beginning of overcoming the activities of the devil. Our positive word of testimony is the edification that ministers grace.

1 PET 1:15 But as he which hath called you is holy, **so be ye holy in all manner of conversation**; 16 Because it is written, **Be ye holy**; for I am holy.

MK 1:22 And they were astonished at his doctrine: **for he taught them as one that had authority, and not as the scribes.**

1 COR 2:13 Which things also we speak, **not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth**, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; **comparing spiritual things with spiritual**. 14 **But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him**: neither can he know *them*, because **they are spiritually discerned**.

MAT 14:36 And besought him that **they might only touch the hem** of his garment: and as many as touched were made perfectly whole.

EZE 3:12 Then the spirit took me up, and **I heard behind me a voice** of a great rushing, *saying*, Blessed *be* the glory of the LORD from his place.

Isa 43:5 **So the spirit took me up, and brought me into the inner court**; and, behold, the glory of the LORD filled the house.

Exo 24:13 And Moses rose up, and **his minister Joshua**: and Moses went up into the mount of God.

A minister was one who served. These servants were also expected to contribute. As servants of God we need to contribute. Try and perceive what God would do in you and through you; for the gifts of the Holy Spirit give us wonderful revelation.

1Co 12:7 **But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man** to profit withal.

1Co 12:8 For to one is given by **the Spirit the word of wisdom**; to another **the word of knowledge** by the same Spirit;