

These Times Require Maturity!

*KJV 1 Kings 2:1 Now the days of David drew nigh that he should die; and he charged Solomon his son, saying,
2 I go the way of all the earth: be thou strong therefore, and shew thyself a man.*

David was a type of Christ in the earth during his reign, he defeated all the enemies of Israel and established peace.

Solomon is the next generation leadership of this new kingdom.

David seeks to prepare the next generation (Solomon) for leadership.

He tells Solomon to be **strong** and **shew thyself a man!**

David proceeds to tell Solomon **exactly** what it takes to be **strong** and **show himself a good man.**

1 Kings 2:3 Fulfill your duty to the LORD your God. Obey his directions, laws, commands, rules, and written instructions as they are recorded in Moses' Teachings. Then you'll succeed in everything you do wherever you may go.

These instructions are **not** new, God and Moses gave them to Joshua!

They are instructions for **success in succession!**

- **Succession** is the act or process of something or someone following in order and sequence of another.

Notice **success** is the root word of succession!

Success comes from the word "**cede**" which means *to yield or to move!*

To move back is to **recede**, to move apart is to **secede**, to move between is to **intercede**, and to move along with is to **concede**.

To move under someone is to **succeed** them moving forward in advancement.

Success as we can see is never an individual thing, it takes people who lived before us, and people willing to work beside and under others to ensure success in succession.

We don't need people **receding** (moving back) backsliding!

Nor do we need people **seceding** (moving apart or away) from the work!

In other words, it takes **concession** (people working beside) **intercession** (people coming between) the problems we face to ensure **succession** in The Kingdom.

It takes **strength** to move anything forward, especially The Kingdom of God!

This is what God told Joshua and David told Solomon!

David says these words to Solomon:

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God says these words to Joshua:

KJV Joshua 1:2 Moses my servant is dead; now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, thou, and all this people, unto the land which I do give to them, even to the children of Israel.

*6 Be **strong and courageous**, for you shall cause this people to inherit the land that I swore to their fathers to give them.*

*7 Only **be strong and very courageous**, being careful to do according to all the law that Moses my servant commanded you. Do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may have good success wherever you go.*

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.

Notice **success** is based on being **strong, courageous, knowing and obeying** The Word of God!

Please understand our **strength** comes from **knowing The Word!**

And our **courage** comes from **obeying The Word!**

The Father gives The Holy Spirit to those who OBEY Acts 5:32!

As we obey The Holy Spirit gives us the courage to be strong!

Remember Celebration of Praise, the message was worship, pray and obey! **You want a fresh, stronger anointing, obey The Word of God!**

KJV 1 Kings 2:2 I go the way of all the earth: be thou strong therefore, and shew thyself a man;

We must grow stronger in The Word, control our flesh so we can walk in the spirit and advance The Cause of Christ and His Kingdom.

It means to **shew yourself mature, a man or women of God!**

ESV 1 Corinthians 13:11 When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways.

This is a **new Era** we must put away selfishness and childish behavior.

Galatians 4:1 Let me explain further. As long as an heir is a child, he is no better off than a slave, even though he owns everything.

2 He is placed under the control of guardians and trustees until the time set by his father.

Until believers grow up and learn to control our flesh, we are weak, immature and not ready for our inheritance, **not prepared for kingship!**

We will not be able to advance The Kingdom of God and **succession and success** are delayed!

ESV Romans 8:19 For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God.

In Hebrew the word for **son** is *ben or bane* and **means builder**, sons are the builders of their father's house and continues his legacy!

In Greek there are several words for children or offspring:

- **Nepios** is an infant, one who cannot yet speak!
- **Teknon** means little child.
- **Huiós** refers to a mature adult, an heir someone of legal age!

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The earth and all of creation is crying out for the **mature sons** of God to grow up and claim their inheritance.

Romans 8:14 For all who are led by the Spirit of God are (huios, the mature) sons of God.