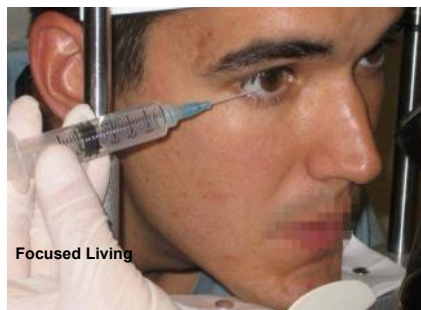


SPIRITUAL WARFARE 6

“... be **careful** to **DO** according to all the law which Moses... commanded you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, so that you may have success wherever you go.” Josh 1:7



Last year Perry twice endured Anterior Stromal puncture eye surgery where a needle was inserted 100+ times into his cornea to repair severe erosion. That day the word ‘**CAREFUL**’ took on a great deal of meaning because in his mind needles and eyes do **NOT** go together! Would you hire a surgeon who was not **careful** with his scalpel? Entrust money to a bank that was not **careful** to invest for a return? Listen to a concert where musicians were not **careful** to play the right notes? Eat at a restaurant that was not **careful** to cook your steak to order? Trust a mechanic who was not **careful** to put all the engine parts back? Pursue a business deal if the players are not **careful** to return calls? Risk your life to follow a general into battle whose strategy was not **carefully** planned? Why do we demand others to be **careful** when it affects our lives, but ignore God when He asks us to be **careful** to know His truth and apply His life principles? **Where have you demanded someone to be careful? What are the results of carelessness? Where has God asked you to be careful?**

JOSHUA 1:1-9 After 400 yrs of brutal bondage God graciously saved His people from both slavery and, more importantly, from their sin (Ex 12-14). Then for 40 years He showed them His awesome character and wonderful plans for their lives (Ex 16-40; Lev; Num, Duet) as He led them through the desert to prepare them for spiritual warfare before leading them into the promised land. It was the moment of truth. Would they follow the Lord with all their heart or pursue the false/fake gods and idols around them. So God directs Joshua to “**be careful**” (Shamar= hedge about, guard, protect, take heed, save, watch 1:7-8, 22:5) just as He had done 450 times before (i.e. Duet 6:25; 12:28, 32; 16:12; 26:16; 28:1, 58; 31:12).

What warfare **PROMISES** must you be careful to remember? Why?

(Josh1:2-3; Phil 2:12-13)

(Josh1:5, 9; Matt 28:20)

(Josh1:8; Matt 6:8; 7:7-11; John 14:13-14 ; 15:16)

What warfare **COMMANDS** must you be careful to follow/obey? Why?

(Josh1:2)

(Josh1:6; Eph 6:10)

(Josh1:7, 9; John 14:15, 21, 23, 24, 31)

(Josh1:8)

What warfare **ENCOURAGEMENT** does Joshua give us? (10-18)

What warfare **principle(s)** will you be careful to remember and apply?

What scripture will you be careful to **memorize** this week? Why?

JOURNAL YOUR RESPONSE IN PRAYER

ASSIGNMENT 1. Journal in prayer each day in response to His truth. **2.** Prepare you mind for battle having 1 verse ready (memorized) when you are attacked by the enemy.

TAG TEAM DISCUSSION What 1 truth will make you ready for the battles you will encounter this week? Why?



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