

# “By Then You Should Know...”

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*Attaining Spiritual Maturity – Lesson #10  
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**Scripture: Numbers 27.18**

“So the LORD said to Moses, “Take Joshua the son of Nun, a man in whom is the Spirit, and lay your hand on him...”<sup>1</sup>

## **Discussion Questions:**

1. Does a spiritual mature Christian lead others?
2. Does a spiritual mature Christian have actions which accompany their maturity?

## **Magnanimous People**

Warren Bennis, well-known management consultant and leadership guru, wrote in *Why Leaders Can't Lead*: “Magnanimous and/or humble people are notable for their self-possession. They know who they are, have healthy egos, and take more pride in what they do than in who they are. They take compliments with a grain of salt and take intelligent criticism without rancor. Such people learn from their mistakes and don't harp on the mistakes of others. They are gracious winners and losers. Tennis star John McEnroe is neither magnanimous nor humble. Albert Schweitzer and Albert Einstein were. Today there are far more McEnroes than there are Schweitzers and Einsteins, and self-possession declines as self-impertinence rises. True leaders are, by definition, both magnanimous and humble.”<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Morgan, R. J. (2000). *Nelson's complete book of stories, illustrations, and quotes* (electronic ed.) (456). Nashville: Thomas Nelson Publishers.

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<sup>1</sup> *The Holy Bible: English standard version*. 2001 (Rom 15.18-19). Wheaton: Standard Bible Society.

## Three Characteristics of Joshua's Might:

### 1. Joshua was engaged!

- a. He was engaged before the 12 spies account. (see Exodus 17.8-13)
- b. The courage of Joshua and Caleb. (Numbers 14)
- c. Joshua was a leader. (Deuteronomy 34.9; Numbers 27.15-23)
- d. Deuteronomy 3.28

### 2. Joshua was dependable!

- a. Moses requested Joshua to guide men in battle. (Exodus 17.8-13)
- b. Joshua was called Moses' assistant. (Exodus 24.13; 33:11)
- c. Joshua was dependable because he was dependent.

### 3. Joshua had a relationship with God!

- a. Joshua had faith in God. (Numbers 14)
- b. Joshua was the Spirit. (Numbers 27.18)
- c. God spoke to Joshua (Joshua 1.1-9)

## God's Words to Joshua

*God spoke to Joshua (Josh. 1:1–9).* After Moses died the Lord spoke directly with Joshua. There is no more challenging passage of Scripture for leaders than the words of the Lord recorded in this first chapter of Joshua's book.

- God promised to be with Joshua (1:2–5).
- God promised Joshua success (1:6).
- God challenged Joshua to focus on observing His commands (1:7–8).
- God challenged Joshua to be “of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed” (1:9).
- God repeated His promise to be with Joshua wherever he would go (Josh. 1:9).<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Richards, L. (1999). *Every man in the Bible* (80). Nashville: T. Nelson.