



WAY TO VICTORY
A STUDY OF JOSHUA
#12: OVERCOMING PROCRASTINATION
JOSHUA 15 THROUGH 18
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I. THE IMPORTANCE OF FINISHING

It is better to finish something than to start it.
Ecclesiastes 7:8 (NCV)

“But don’t begin until you count the cost. For who would begin construction of a building without first calculating the cost to see if there is enough money to finish it? Otherwise, you might complete only the foundation before running out of money, and then everyone would laugh at you. They would say, ‘There’s the person who started that building and couldn’t afford to finish it!’

Luke 14:28-30 (NLT)

And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns.

Philippians 1:6 (NLT)

II. THE CHALLENGE OF PROCRASTINATION

1. Reasons why procrastination is a problem

- **Wastes my time**
- **Undermines my success**
- **Ruins my peace**

Nothing is so fatiguing as the eternal hanging on of an uncompleted task.

Dr. William James

2. Reasons why I procrastinate

- **Laziness**

Lazy people want much but get little, but those who work hard will prosper.

Proverbs 13:4 (NLT)

- **Fear**

God didn't give us a cowardly spirit but a spirit of power, love, and good judgment.
2 Timothy 1:7 (GWT)

- **Disobedience**

You must warn each other every day, while it is still "today," so that none of you will be deceived by sin and hardened against God. For if we are faithful to the end, trusting God just as firmly as when first believed, we will share in all that belongs to Christ. Remember what it says: "Today when you hear his voice, don't harden your hearts as Israel did when they rebelled."

Hebrews 3:13,15 (NLT)

- **Perfectionism**

If you wait for perfect conditions, you will never get anything done.
Ecclesiastes 11:4 (NLT)

III. OVERVIEW OF JOSHUA CHAPTERS 15 THROUGH 18

1. The allotment of the tribe of Judah (15:1-63)
2. The allotment of the tribe of Ephraim (16:1-10)
3. The allotment of the tribe of West Manasseh (17:1-18)
4. The allotment of the remaining seven tribes (18:1-27)

IV. WAYS TO OVERCOME PROCRASTINATION

1. **Recognize the precious value of time**

Some of you say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to some city. We will stay there a year, do business, and make money." But you do not know what will happen tomorrow! Your life is like a mist. You can see it for a short time, but then it goes away. So you should say, "If the Lord wants, we will live and do this or that."

James 4:13-14 (NCV)

2. **Clarify God's purpose for me**

It's in Christ that we find out who we are and what we are living for. Long before we first heard of Christ and got our hopes up, he had his eye on us, had designs on us for glorious living

Ephesians 1:11 (MSG)

3. Establish long term goals

The naive believes everything, But the sensible man considers his steps.
Proverbs 14:15 (NASB)

4. Make a short term “to do” list

Teach us to number our days and recognize how few they are; help us to spend them as we should.

Psalm 90:12 (TLB)

5. Prioritize my list.

Be sure you know how your flocks are doing. Pay careful attention to your herds. Riches don't last forever...

Proverbs 27:23-24a (NIRV)

6. Plan my time and my projects

Good planning and hard work lead to prosperity, but hasty shortcuts lead to poverty.
Proverbs 21:5 (NLT)

7. Break down tasks into smaller components.

If you are too lazy to plow, don't expect a harvest.
Proverbs 20:4 (CEV)

8. Enlist help with decisions and accountability

Without advice plans go wrong, but with many advisers they succeed.
Proverbs 15:22 (GWT)

9. Stop exaggerating the difficulty of tasks

The lazy person claims, “There's a lion out there! If I go outside, I might be killed!”
Proverbs 22:13 (NLT)

for I can do everything God asks me to with the help of Christ who gives me the strength and power.

Philippians 4:13 (TLB)

10. Remember that “finished” feels better than “perfect”.

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast.

Ephesians 2:8-9 (NIV)

THE TRIBAL ALLOTMENTS OF ISRAEL

JOSH. 13:8-19:49

- City
- City (uncertain location)
- ▲ Mountain peak



Map 39; The Tribal Allotments of Israel, Land of (Holman Bible Atlas Maps; OneTouch, BibleSoft)