

## How to Thrive

### Dictionary:

1. to prosper; flourish; be successful, especially as the result of financial management.
2. to grow vigorously or luxuriantly; improve physically.

### Synonyms:

**Succeed** implies the favorable outcome of an undertaking, career, etc., or the attainment of a desired goal.

**Prosper** implies continued, often increasing good fortune or success.

**Flourish** more specifically suggests a figurative state of flowering, when a person or thing is at the peak of development, influence, etc.

**Thrive** implies vigorous growth or development, as because of favorable conditions.

### Antonym: Fail

### Principles for How to Thrive are seen worked out in Joshua:

**RECOGNIZE**: The Lord

**REMEMBER**: The place of established victory – The Cross

**STAND**: On/in The Word

**HUMBLE**: Repent of sin

**TRUST**: The Battle is God's

**FAITH**: Believe the Lord and His mouthpieces... Rise up and Move forward = get "legs"

**PRAISE**: Confess... Young bullocks of our lips

Josh 1:3 "Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given you, as I said to Moses. **RECOGNIZE**

1:5 "No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life; as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you nor forsake you. **REMEMBER**

1:6 "Be strong and of good courage, for to this people you shall divide as an inheritance the land which I swore to their fathers to give them. **STAND**

1:8 "This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. **HUMBLE**

1:9 "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go." **TRUST**

1:10 Then Joshua commanded the officers of the people, saying, **FAITH**

1:11 "Pass through the camp and command the people, saying, 'Prepare provisions for yourselves, for within three days you will cross over this Jordan, to go in to possess the land which the LORD your God is giving you to possess.'" **PRAISE**

### Again in Joshua:

Josh 3:5 And Joshua said to the people, "Sanctify yourselves, for tomorrow the LORD will do wonders among you." **RECOGNIZE**: The Lord

3:7 And the LORD said to Joshua, "This day I will begin to exalt you in the sight of all Israel, that they may know that, as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. **REMEMBER**: The Cross (place of established victory)

3:11 “Behold, the ark of the covenant of the Lord of all the earth is crossing over before you into the Jordan.

3:17 Then the priests who bore the ark of the covenant of the LORD stood firm on dry ground in the midst of the Jordan; and all Israel crossed over on dry ground, until all the people had crossed completely over the Jordan.

4:7 “Then you shall answer them that the waters of the Jordan were cut off before the ark of the covenant of the LORD; when it crossed over the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. And these stones shall be for a memorial to the children of Israel forever.”

4:18 And it came to pass, when the priests who bore the ark of the covenant of the LORD had come from the midst of the Jordan, and the soles of the priests’ feet touched the dry land, that the waters of the Jordan returned to their place and overflowed all its banks as before. **STAND:** The Word

5:2 At that time the LORD said to Joshua, “Make flint knives for yourself, and circumcise the sons of Israel again the second time.”

5:9 Then the LORD said to Joshua, “This day I have rolled away the reproach of Egypt from you.” Therefore the name of the place is called Gilgal to this day. **HUMBLE:** Repent of sin

5:10 Now the children of Israel camped in Gilgal, and kept the Passover on the fourteenth day of the month at twilight on the plains of Jericho. **TRUST:** The Battle is God’s

6:14-15 And the second day they marched around the city once and returned to the camp. So they did six days. {15} But it came to pass on the seventh day that they rose early, about the dawning of the day, and marched around the city seven times in the same manner. On that day only they marched around the city seven times. {16} And the seventh time it happened, when the priests blew the trumpets, that Joshua said to the people: “Shout, for the LORD has given you the city! **FAITH:** Believe the Lord and His mouthpieces... Rise up and Move forward

6:20 So the people shouted when the priests blew the trumpets. And it happened when the people heard the sound of the trumpet, and the people shouted with a great shout, that the wall fell down flat. Then the people went up into the city, every man straight before him, and they took the city. **PRAISE:** Confess... Young bullocks of our lips

### **Principles of Success are seen worked out in Jehoshaphat:**

(2 Chr 20:1-30) (1-3) It happened after this that the people of Moab with the people of Ammon, and others with them besides the Ammonites, came to battle against Jehoshaphat. {2} Then some came and told Jehoshaphat, saying, “A great multitude is coming against you from beyond the sea, from Syria; and they are in Hazazon Tamar” (which is En Gedi). {3} And Jehoshaphat feared, and set himself to seek the LORD, and proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah. **RECOGNIZE**

{4-9} So Judah gathered together to ask help from the LORD; and from all the cities of Judah they came to seek the LORD. {5} Then Jehoshaphat stood in the assembly of Judah and Jerusalem, in the house of the LORD, before the new court, {6} and said: “O LORD God of our fathers, are You not God in heaven, and do You not rule over all the kingdoms of the nations, and in Your hand is there not power and might, so that no one is able to withstand You? {7} “Are You not our God, who drove out the inhabitants of this land before Your people Israel, and gave it to the descendants of Abraham Your friend forever? {8} “And they dwell in it, and have built You a sanctuary in it for Your name, saying, {9} ‘If disaster comes upon us; sword, judgment, pestilence, or famine; we will stand before this temple and in Your presence (for Your

name is in this temple), and cry out to You in our affliction, and You will hear and save.’

**REMEMBER**

{10-11} “And now, here are the people of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir; whom You would not let Israel invade when they came out of the land of Egypt, but they turned from them and did not destroy them; {11} “here they are, rewarding us by coming to throw us out of Your possession which You have given us to inherit. **STAND**

{12} “O our God, will You not judge them? For we have no power against this great multitude that is coming against us; nor do we know what to do, but our eyes are upon You.” **HUMBLE**

{13-15} Now all Judah, with their little ones, their wives, and their children, stood before the LORD. {14} Then the Spirit of the LORD came upon Jahaziel the son of Zechariah, the son of Benaiah, the son of Jeiel, the son of Mattaniah, a Levite of the sons of Asaph, in the midst of the assembly. {15} And he said, “Listen, all you of Judah and you inhabitants of Jerusalem, and you, King Jehoshaphat! Thus says the LORD to you: ‘Do not be afraid nor dismayed because of this great multitude, for the battle is not yours, but God’s. **TRUST**

{20} So they rose early in the morning and went out into the Wilderness of Tekoa; and as they went out, Jehoshaphat stood and said, “Hear me, O Judah and you inhabitants of Jerusalem: Believe in the LORD your God, and you shall be established; believe His prophets, and you shall prosper.” **FAITH**

{21} And when he had consulted with the people, he appointed those who should sing to the LORD, and who should praise the beauty of holiness, as they went out before the army and were saying: “Praise the LORD, For His mercy endures forever.” **PRAISE**

**What Happens When You:** **RECOGNIZE:** The Lord - **REMEMBER:** The established victory - **STAND:** The Word - **HUMBLE:** Repent of sin - **TRUST:** The Battle is God’s - **FAITH:** Believe the Lord and Rise up and Move forward - **PRAISE:** Confess... Young bullocks of our lips

{22-24} Now when they began to sing and to praise, the LORD set ambushes against the people of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir, who had come against Judah; and they were defeated. {23} For the people of Ammon and Moab stood up against the inhabitants of Mount Seir to utterly kill and destroy them. And when they had made an end of the inhabitants of Seir, they helped to destroy one another. {24} So when Judah came to a place overlooking the wilderness, they looked toward the multitude; and there were their dead bodies, fallen on the earth. No one had escaped.

{25} When Jehoshaphat and his people came to take away their spoil, they found among them an abundance of valuables on the dead bodies, and precious jewelry, which they stripped off for themselves, more than they could carry away; and they were three days gathering the spoil because there was so much.

{26-30} And on the fourth day they assembled in the Valley of Berachah, for there they blessed the LORD; therefore the name of that place was called The Valley of Berachah until this day. {27} Then they returned, every man of Judah and Jerusalem, with Jehoshaphat in front of them, to go back to Jerusalem with joy, for the LORD had made them rejoice over their enemies. {28} So they came to Jerusalem, with stringed instruments and harps and trumpets, to the house of the LORD. {29} And the fear of God was on all the kingdoms of those countries when they heard that the LORD had fought against the enemies of Israel. {30} Then the realm of Jehoshaphat was quiet, for his God gave him rest all around.