

ADVICE FROM MOSES

Int.

1. Aim: to relay some of the advice from Moses to the people of Israel found in the book of Deuteronomy.
2. 1 Cor. 10:1-11 - written for an example for us
3. Graduation for one of our young men - this is for him and all the other young people.
4. In Deuteronomy Moses was an old man - 120 -- talking to a much younger generation
 - a. He was about to die - he had been their leader for 40 years
 - b. They were going on into the Promised land - He could not go with them.
 - c. Felt compelled and led to give them some much needed advice just before he died and they took that big step into the promised land.
5. Similar situation
 - a. You are finishing High School - Facing ---- college, service, jobs, marriage
 - b. Parent's cannot go with you - go out on your own !!!
 - c. But please let us give you last words of advice or counsel.
6. This advice from Moses to Israel can apply to you as well

DISCUSSION

I. DO NOT FORGET

Deut 6:12 (NKJV) "[then] beware, lest you forget the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage.

- A. Remember the mighty acts of God
 1. He cared for you all through the years
 2. He provided for you and delivered you out of bondage in Egypt
 3. He is now sending you into a better land to live

B. Remember your family

1. They cared for you, fed, nurtured, doctored, and raised you to this age
2. They have delivered you to this point in life
3. Sending you out to live even a better life - they want better for their children

C. Remember and do not forget your family

1. Some get too big - and are too high and mighty to associate with their family
2. May be richer, have more education, be famous
3. Still remember and do not forget your families

D. Remember God and your spiritual family

1. As a christian we have fellowship with one another
2. Be an active part of the congregations wherever you might live
3. "Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ:" 2 Pet. 1:1

E. Don't forget your family and friends.

II. NONE OF THESE DISEASES - Deut. 7:15 29:9 Ex. 15:26

Deut 7:15 (NKJV) "And the Lord will take away from you all sickness, and will afflict you with none of the terrible diseases of Egypt which you have known, but will lay [them] on all those who hate you.

Exod 15:26 (KJS) And said, If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the LORD thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I [am] the LORD that healeth thee.

A. Moses promised

1. If you will heed God's commands
2. Then it will be well with you physically
3. None of these diseases will come upon you

B. Obey God's Commands

1. It will be better for you even physically
2. Examples - worry, hate revenge
3. John 10:10 "The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have [it] more abundantly."
4. Even if there were no promise of eternal life for serving God, it would still be the best way of life.
5. Deut 29:9 "Keep therefore the words of this covenant, and do them, that ye may prosper in all that ye do."

III. **BE STRONG AND OF A GOOD COURAGE** - Deut. 31:7

Deut 31:7 "And Moses called unto Joshua, and said unto him in the sight of all I srael, Be strong and of a good courage: for thou must go with this people unto the land which the LORD hath sworn unto their fathers to give them; and thou shalt cause them to inherit it."

A. Moses said to the I sraelites "Don't give up"

1. There may be rough times ahead
2. But don't faint, don't quit
3. Hang in there until the end
4. Moses giving instruction to Joshua - Josh. 1:6,7,9
5. Joshua says the same to the people - Josh. 1:16-18

B. Similar situation

1. You will be discouraged, and probably much sooner than you think
2. You will make mistakes - we all have made our share
3. You will not always know the answers to solve all the problems you will face in life
4. Be Strong and of A good courage
 - a. You can still get help from your families
 - b. People will give you counsel and advice, if you ask for it.
 - c. There is a solution to every problem.
5. Col. 3:2 "Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth."
6. Josh. 10:25 "And Joshua said unto them, Fear not, nor be dismayed, be strong and of good courage: for thus shall the LORD do to all your enemies against whom ye fight."
7. 1 Cor. 16:13 (NKJV) "Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong."

Conclusion

1. Moses bid the people farewell and they went on into the promised land and possessed it.
2. We will not exactly bid you farewell, but things will never be the same again.
 - a. Remember your family and do not forget them
 - b. Obey God's laws and it will be better for you now and hereafter.
 - c. Be strong - act like grown people - don't quit, don't faint - You can make it!
3. Poem - To Our Graduate

To Our Graduate

"I cannot buy you a set of morals; I cannot build you a sense of responsibility; I cannot hand you appreciation of beauty; I cannot manufacture for you concern and compassion; I cannot make yours a compelling, faithful, loyal spirit; I cannot give you ability to love."

"I have no fortune to will you with which to gain popularity; make you a philanthropist, or help you leave memorials for charity."

"I own no secret formula for success or any new philosophy. I've never written a book of wisdom."

"These things which I cannot give you are all yours in Christ Jesus."

"As you leave your home, you step into new relations with parents, friends, and the world. The 'apron strings' that have been lengthened as you matured must soon be cut. You have earned more than freedom from high school. You have proven yourself trustworthy, dependable, and mature enough to try your own wings, but I will be 'on call*' throughout my life."

"You are fully accountable to God, your heavenly Father who loves you far more than I who has riches in store beyond your comprehension."

"I commit you to His care as the fire of the world tests the gold of your character and I will be in prayer for you."