

# Section 1

# Project

# Success— God's way



Project Joshua is about success — God's way.

When you were a kid, probably one of the most annoying questions people used to ask was 'what do you want to be when you grow up?' But between being a kid and being an adult, most people do get an idea

of what they want to succeed at. Dancer, musician, sports star or politician, rich and famous, most popular or most beautiful, or just a nice house, a nice car, nice partner and a nice life. Many people, though, give up on some, or all of their dreams, fairly soon. Others are so determined to succeed that they don't mind who they tread on. But there is a right way to succeed — God's way. It begins here.

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## Random notes

### How to memorise:

- 1 LOOK UP! Get the context
- 2 Read it out, write it out, say it out
- 3 Put it where you can see it everyday
- 4 Review, review, review
- 5 Believe it and do it — then you'll never forget it.

### Joshua 1:8

"Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful."

Joshua 1:8

### Psalms 37:4

Delight yourself in the LORD and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Psalms 37:4

### 1 Samuel 18:14

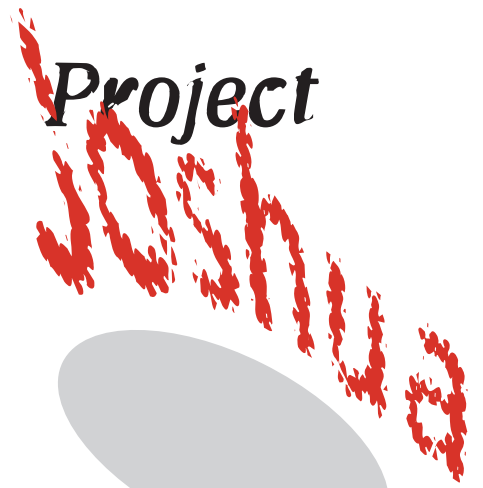
In everything he did he had great success, because the LORD was with him.

1 Samuel 18:14



## Section 2

# How to say no when it's easiest to say yes



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You really want to do something — and you really know you shouldn't. If you try and ignore the temptation, it just comes back. If you try fighting it, it often seems like this makes it stronger.

There's a lot of people who believe that they could begin living a right life if they wanted. But people who've actually tried it know it's much, much harder

than that. Giving up sinning is a lot more difficult than giving up smoking. And that's when it's just you. If you've got friends who are trying to drag you back down, you soon find out that it's more than you can take on.

And that's a good thing, because it is more than you can take on. But help is at hand — maybe in the last place you'd expected.

We all know that the Bible tells us we should lead upright lives — what most people don't realise is that it enables us to. And that's just the beginning of it.

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How to get to know the Bible:

Read it!

4 chapters a day (about 12 minutes) will take you through the entire Bible in one year.

Do it!

Try to find a way each day to put into practice what you've read.

### Ephesians 6:16-17

Take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.

17 Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Ephesians 6:16-17

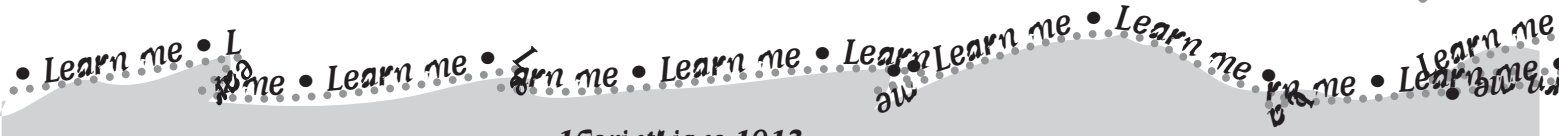
### 1 Corinthians 10:13

No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it. 1 Corinthians 10:13

### James 4:7

Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

James 4:7



## Section 3

# How to turn Failure into Success



*For a Christian, failure should be the back door to success. God turns our weaknesses into His opportunities. The fact is that God's training programme for us is more important to Him than whether or not a short-term project succeeds. If you're not failing, chances are you're not trying! In fact, the only way to completely avoid failure is to do absolutely nothing at all — which is definitely not what God*

*wants.*

*People say that history has taught us nothing (someone else said that history repeats itself because nobody listens). It's sadly true for most people. Unlike school chemistry experiments, history doesn't come with a handbook to tell you what went wrong. Except, in fact, it does come with a handbook — the Bible, by the author of history. As far as your own personal failures are concerned, don't expect to learn anything (except how to fail again) unless you look in the handbook to find out what went wrong. Then you will find failure is the back door to success.*

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When things go wrong:

- 1: Get close to God. Talk to Him, tell Him what's wrong.
- 2: Find out what went wrong. Remember it.
- 3: Find out (from the Bible) what you need to learn as far as your character is concerned. Put it right.

Romans 8:28

*And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.*

Romans 8:28

2Corinthians 12:9

*But [the Lord] said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."*

2Corinthians 12:9

Hebrews 4:15

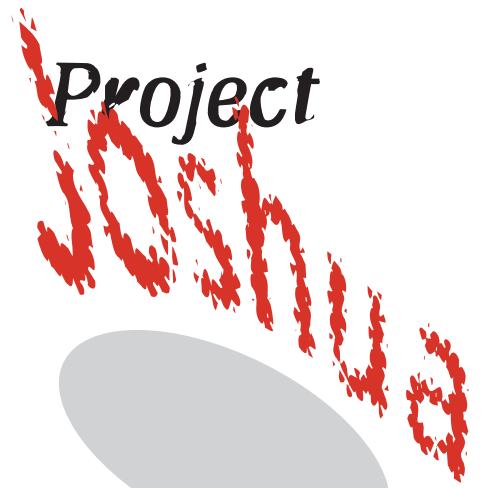
*For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are — yet was without sin.*

Hebrews 4:15



## Section 4

# Getting unlost



Although failure should be the back door to success, it's still possible to lose your way. You do something you know you shouldn't... you feel ashamed... somehow you don't want to read the Bible any more or pray... it starts getting you down, and the only way out seems to be to do more of what you know you shouldn't. Suddenly months have gone by and your life with

God has fallen to pieces. Think it's only you? Exactly the same thing happened to David in the Bible (and a good few other people). A friend — the prophet Nathan — loved him enough to confront him. But David still had to go back to God. The funny thing was (unless you've already experienced this, in which case you'll see there's nothing peculiar about it) David actually felt worse the more he concealed his sin. As soon as he went back to God, he began to feel better — although he still had to live with the consequences.

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How to get unlost:  
1 Go back to God — no matter how much you feel ashamed.  
2 Straighten out the practical side — own up if that's what's needed.  
3 Forgive anyone else who was involved — this can be the hardest part of all.



1 John 1:8-9  
If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

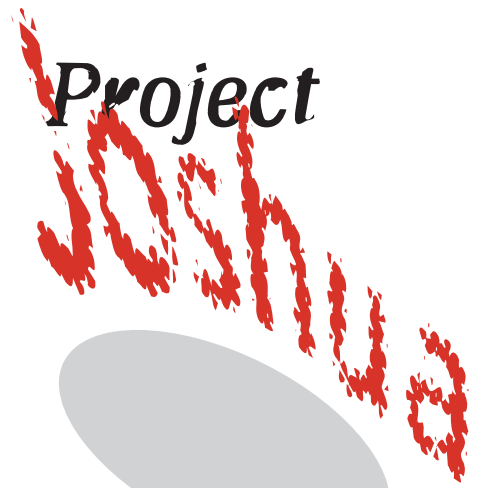
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Psalms 51:10-12  
Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me. Psalm 51:10-12

Galatians 6:1  
Brothers, if someone is caught in a sin, you who are spiritual should restore him gently. But watch yourself, or you also may be tempted.

Galatians 6:1

# Section 5



# How to say yes when the whole world says no

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Even other Christians can get in the way when you want to do something for God — especially if it hasn't been done before, or if none of your friends have tried it. Of course, you should always listen to advice and not do anything foolish. But sometimes you know deep down that God really wants you to do something, and people all around you are still doing their best to discourage you, hin-

der you or even stop you outright. You need more than natural stubbornness at this point — especially because, for most things that are hard to do, you are going to need the help of the very people who are trying to stop you do it. The good news is that this is a situation that God puts everyone through who really wants to live for Him. The leadership lessons of getting people to do what they don't want to do — and like it — are more than we have time to go into here. But with the job, God does give the strength — and the authority — to see it through even when the whole world says 'no'.

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How to know God's will for you:  
 Let the Bible and good conscience be your most important guides. Make sure you mix faith with common sense!  
 Get advice from Christians with experience.  
 Dare to take the risk!



2Timothy 1:7  
For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline.

2 Timothy 1:7

Luke 10:19  
I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you.

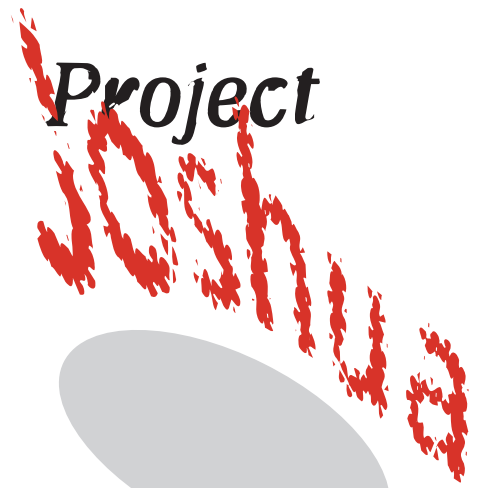
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1John 2:15  
Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

1John 2:15

## Section 6

# Laughing in the face danger



Whether you call it fear, terror or just worry, all of us get scared from time to time. If you put someone in a room with a dark doorway where they can't see what's behind it, they will be scared of going through the door.

The future is like that for all of us — we imagine the worst, and sometimes the imagining is so strong that it paralyses us for what we have

to do now.

Some of us even get worried that we are not worrying enough — we won't let things go and we feel we aren't doing our bit if we're not always thinking of trouble up ahead.

The good news is that God doesn't want us to be afraid — in fact, fear is actually a sin. God is in control of the future. The more we worry, the less we are trusting him.

In times of worry, saying to yourself 'I mustn't worry' doesn't really work — reminding yourself of God's promises in the Bible does.

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### When scared:

Remember God is in control — there will be rough times ahead, it's in His plan. But He has you in the palm of His hand.

Take sensible precautions, do your best, and then leave it to God to look after the things you can't.



Psalm 23:4

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

Psalm 23:4

2Corinthians 4:7

But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us.

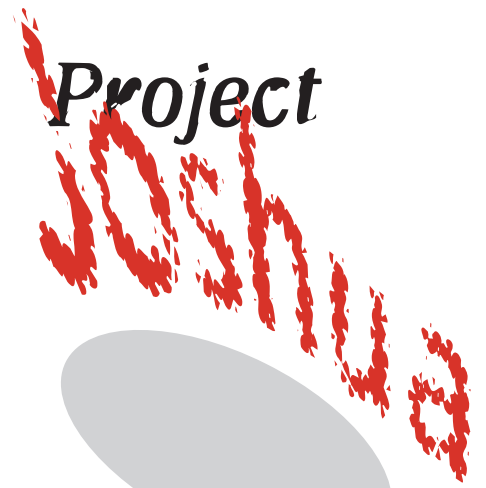
2Corinthians 4:7

1John 5:18

We know that anyone born of God does not continue to sin; the one who was born of God keeps him safe, and the evil one cannot harm him.

1 John 5:18

# Knowing



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Knowing God and being known by God is the ultimate goal for the Christian. Knowing about God is not enough — this is where many theologians, pundits and even Christian leaders go wrong. To know God you must not just believe in Him, but you must

believe Him. You mustn't just talk about Him, you have to walk with Him — and you have to want to know Him, more than anything else. If all that sounds like a lifetime pursuit — it is, and it even goes beyond that. In the meantime, it's good to know that God knows you, completely, both what you have done and what you will do, all your hopes and fears, longings and aspirations.

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Knowing God: There is no quick and easy route. But the following are essentials on the way.

- Make time for God daily
- Always be aware that God is with you
- Practise trusting God and obeying Him
- Listen and pray



**Philippians 3:8**  
 What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ.

Philippians 3:8

**Philippians 3:10**  
 I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death.

Philippians 3:10

**Romans 8:29-30**  
 Those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.