

Joshua 1:7, Mandate against Turning from Wheel-tracks of Righteousness to the Right or to the Left

- 14- Nevertheless, to stay in the wheel-tracks of righteousness, focused on the objective, results in success.

Joshua 1:7 - Only be confident and courageous. Perform extraordinary diligence according to all the Law which Moses My servant commanded you. Do not turn from it to the right or to the left, so that you may have success wherever you go.

- 15- Not turning from wheel-tracks of righteousness requires a facilitated inventory of doctrinal ideas toward which one has confidence and from which confidence he has the courage to remain loyal to them.

- 16- This is brought out by the Hebrew verb:

sarâ - To turn aside, defect, or withdraw.

Theological Wordbook of the Old Testament, s.v. 1480a:

A course of following strictly the will of God is frequently depicted by wedding the root to the familiar right hand—left hand motif. Thus, it was said of Josiah in:

2 Kings 22:1 - Josiah did right in the sight of the Lord and walked in all the way [**derek**] of his father David, nor did he turn [**sara**] aside to the right or to the left.

Wilson's Old Testament Word Studies, s.v. "turn":

Mostly intransitive: to turn oneself.

- 17- Joshua's soul contained a maximum inventory of divine truth since he, Caleb, and Moses were the charter members of the Jeshurun Fraternity.
- 18- Over the past 40 years Joshua had demonstrated under pressure his personal loyalty to this inner integrity.

- 19- This loyalty was manifest in his courage toward man and circumstances.
- 20- And that courage was motivated and supported by his confidence in the veracity and immutability of God's Word.
- 21- The only way that Joshua could fail would be for him to turn himself away from these principles.
- 22- Joshua has a neural network facilitated with wheel-tracks of righteousness constructed by a soul that faithfully executes the faith-rest drill.
- 23- He possesses behavior patterns and character traits that are steadfast and habitual in favor of submission to the divine standard.
- 24- Thus, the mandate for him not to turn himself from them to either the right or to the left is based on the Lord's knowledge of Joshua's inner integrity, confident loyalty, and manifest courage.
- 25- In order for Joshua not to turn *from* wheel-tracks of righteousness he must be *in* wheel-tracks of righteousness.
- 26- Should he ever deviate he would have to do so from his own volition and veer either to the right or to the left.
- 27- Veering to the right or left indicates entrance into carnal modus operandi of which there are two categories: