

## 「Be Successful」

### ヨシュア記1章8節

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Good morning, everyone! It's another wonderful day at JSG today. There's no better way to start your day than worshipping God. Let's start this morning's worship time.

Today's Hymn is English hymn #24. Today let's look at the words and listen to the song.

Today's Bible verse is ヨシュア記1章8節 旧約聖書 340 ページです。

#### Joshua 1:8

Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; 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.

Today I want to talk to you about winning and losing. Recently we had a sports day. At the end of the day, after all of the events were finished the winning team and losing teams were decided. Like all sports, the winners and losers are decided by points. Usually, if you have more points, you are the winner. The rules of sports can also be applied to our lives. The more “good points” we have, the better we will do in life.

Next year, when you prepare for the sports day, you can look back at the events this year. You can plan and practice the events you did poorly on this year, so that next year you can get more points for those events. From now until the next year's sports day you have time to prepare, practice, and review your plan. If you lose and give up, you will never get better. But if you lose and get back up and make more of an effort you will become stronger, faster, and better.

That is the same in life. If you fail a test and give up, you will never do better. If you can't understand English and give up, you will never understand English. If you say or do something bad and hurt a friend and never say sorry, you will never make the friendship better.

Being a winner is not easy. It takes a lot of hard work and effort. It takes a lot of practice to win a match. It takes a lot of study time to do well on the tests. It takes a lot of effort to make good friends and relationships. Sometimes giving up is easy. Losing is easy. Everyone can lose. Winning is hard. Being a winner is difficult.

Today's Bible verse is telling us that to be successful in life, we have to spend day and night working towards our goals. We can't blame anybody, we have to take responsibility and

action to be successful.

Let's pray. Dear God, thank you for this day and this new morning. Thank you for all of the students and staff here. Please help us all do our best each day to be successful in the things we do. But most of all, help us be successful in following your teachings and the path you have laid out for us. May our lives give you honor and glory. Thank you again for this time and this new morning. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

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