

The Success Syndrome

Judges 1.1-2.5

Introduction

what is the book of judges all about?

the success syndrome

Main Points: the thing about success...

1. Success can be a _____ block

- They quickly _____ their _____ as the children of God and take up Canaanite practices
- They never sought the will of God. c.f. Joshua and Ai, Joshua and the Gibeonites.

- When you don't know what to do ask God and be _____

2. Real success rests on _____

- Adoni-Bezek prophetically and ironically describes the pattern Israel falls into for the next 300 years – as I have done, so it is done to me

- God _____

- We need _____

3. Success is _____ by God

- Israel felt they had been _____ but in reality, they laid the foundation for their _____

- God's faithfulness is established in His character; it is _____ by our actions

- Israel's _____ and _____ is in Yahweh

Conclusion

- success cultivates _____; _____ is the exercise of consistency
- success without _____ leads to failure in the future
- success might be what we want, but _____ is what we need