

NWC Questions

for Personal Study and Small Groups 1/8/12

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In vv. 1-8 what does Moses choose to remind them of? why do you think he raises those themes?

Read 1.9-18. What are the themes Moses raises here? and what would that accomplish in the people as they prepare to enter the land? What lessons are there in this section for us about leadership?

This section closes with a reminder that these were instructions that were to be obeyed (v. 18). As you think about the elders' focus for the year on "a loving obedience to a loving God", what do you need to do to consecrate yourself and get ready to obey God? What will you need to do to cultivate a heart that is glad to obey God?

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