

CHARACTER BUILDER

MESSAGE NOTES

Caleb: Lessons on Commitment
Father's Day, Sunday, June 19 | Tommy Duke
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WHAT IS CHARACTER?

THE _____ QUALITIES _____ TO AN INDIVIDUAL.

CALEB, SON OF JEPHUNNEH (Numbers 13; Joshua 14)

"Listen, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your strength. And you must commit yourselves wholeheartedly to these commands that I am giving you today. Repeat them again and again to your children. Talk about them when you are at home and when you are on the road, when you are going to bed and when you are getting up. Tie them to your hands and wear them on your forehead as reminders. Write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates." – Deuteronomy 6:4-9 (NLT)

COMMITMENT: THE STATE OF BEING FULLY _____
TO A _____.

5 LESSONS FROM CALEB ON BEING FULLY COMMITTED TO THE LORD:

1) ALWAYS BE _____ GOD _____ THE
OPPORTUNITY PRESENTS ITSELF.

"...He sent out twelve men, all tribal leaders of Israel, from their camp in the wilderness of Paran. These were the tribes and the names of their leaders... Judah: Caleb son of Jephunneh..." – Numbers 13:3-4, 6 (NLT)

"So fear the Lord and serve him wholeheartedly..." – Joshua 24:14 (NLT)

"For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago." – Ephesians 2:10 (NLT)

2) _____ **ENOUGH TO ACT ON THEM.**

“But Caleb tried to quiet the people as they stood before Moses. ‘Let’s go at once to take the land,’ he said. ‘We can certainly conquer it!’ – Numbers 13:30 (NLT)

“Not a single one of all the good promises the Lord had given to the family of Israel was left unfulfilled; everything he had spoken came true.” – Joshua 21:45 (NLT)

Memory Verse:

*“Let us hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm,
for God can be trusted to keep his promise.” – Hebrews 10:23 (NLT)*

3) **CHOOSE TO _____ FOR GOD IN THE FACE OF _____.**

“Two of the men who had explored the land, Joshua son of Nun and Caleb son of Jephunneh, tore their clothing. They said to all the people of Israel, ‘The land we traveled through and explored is a wonderful land! And if the Lord is pleased with us, he will bring us safely into that land and give it to us. It is a rich land flowing with milk and honey. Do not rebel against the Lord, and don’t be afraid of the people of the land. They are only helpless prey to us! They have no protection, but the Lord is with us! Don’t be afraid of them!’ But the whole community began to talk about stoning Joshua and Caleb...” – Numbers 14:6-10 (NLT)

“For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline. So never be ashamed to tell others about our Lord. And don’t be ashamed of me, either, even though I’m in prison for him.

With the strength God gives you, be ready to suffer with me for the sake of the Good News.”

– 2 Timothy 1:7-8 (NLT)

4) _____ **ON GOD BECAUSE HIS PROMISES HAVEN’T YET BEEN FULFILLED.**

(God) “Because your men explored the land for forty days, you must wander in the wilderness for forty years—a year for each day, suffering the consequences of your sins. Then you will discover what it is like to have me for an enemy.” – Numbers 14:34 (NLT)

“So these are the results of the registration of the people of Israel ... Not one person on this list had been among those listed in the previous registration ... For the Lord had said of them, ‘They will all die in the wilderness.’ Not one of them survived except Caleb son of Jephunneh and Joshua son of Nun.”

– Numbers 26:63-65 (NLT)

“But you must not forget this one thing, dear friends: A day is like a thousand years to the Lord, and a thousand years is like a day. The Lord isn’t really being slow about his promise, as some people think. No, he is being patient for your sake. He does not want anyone to be destroyed, but wants everyone to repent.”

– 2 Peter 3:8-9 (NLT)

5) **ENJOY _____ IN HIS PROPER TIME.**

“Now, as you can see, the Lord has kept me alive and well as he promised for all these forty-five years since Moses made this promise—even while Israel wandered in the wilderness. Today I am eighty-five years old. I am as strong now as I was when Moses sent me on that journey ... So give me the hill country that the Lord promised me ... But if the Lord is with me, I will drive them out of the land, just as the Lord said.”

– Joshua 14:10-12 (NLT)

“Don’t envy sinners, but always continue to fear the Lord. You will be rewarded for this; your hope will not be disappointed.” – Proverbs 23:17-18 (NLT)

“Now repent of your sins and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped away. Then times of refreshment will come from the presence of the Lord, and he will again send you Jesus, your appointed Messiah. For he must remain in heaven until the time for the final restoration of all things, as God promised long ago through his holy prophets.” – Acts 3:19-21 (NLT)

MY NEXT STEP TODAY IS TO:

- Memorize Hebrews 10:23.
- Decide now to say “yes” to God when He opens the door to serve Him.
- Hold onto God’s promises for me, even as I wait for them to be fulfilled.
- Sign up for the Newcomers Reception next Sunday, June 26, from 12:15-12:45pm, in the Fellowship Hall.
- Sign Up for Summer Growth Group# _____.

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