

Application and Obedience

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I. Introduction.

A. Text: Joshua 14.

B. The Old Testament was written for our admonition. (1 Corinthians 10:11)

C. The setting of Joshua 14 is Numbers 13.

1. Moses sent Caleb, Joshua and company to spy out the land of Canaan.
2. The people doubted that they would be able to face those people and doubted that the Lord would take care of them.
3. God had promised them this land of milk and honey—a fruitful land.
4. Canaan is a picture of the victorious life in Christ here on earth.

II. Caleb wholly followed the Lord.

A. This causes us to go against the world system and sometimes against the church.

B. Caleb followed the Lord when he was eighty-five years old.

1. We cannot rely on the fact that we really had it when we were young.
2. Caleb was not asking for a break—he only asked for permission.
3. A soldier should only ask for an opportunity to prove themselves in the battle.

C. Our strength is measured by how much it takes to push us over.

D. God can put us down or pull us up easily—it is in His strength that we accomplish His work.

E. There are reasons that we cannot obey the Word of God that are legitimate to us, but we must be obedient.

III. Some ways to be obedient.

A. Start applying the Word to the husband wife relationship.

B. Be careful with what you say.

C. Be honest.

D. Stay under the speed limit.

Application questions

1. Which way of obedience stood out to you? Explain.

2. How does Caleb model the right attitude to have in old age?

3. What challenges are you currently facing? How can you rely on God's strength for obedience?
