

# How We Can Be Wholehearted for God

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I. Wisdom is based on doing what is in the Word of God.

II. The person who hears God's Word but does not do it is foolish.

III. Paul's Testimony (Philippians 3)

A. Christians are called to rejoice. (Philippians 4:4)

B. Paul calls all of his righteousness 'dung.' (Philippians 3:8)

C. We are called to follow on in our journey of faith regardless of what challenges we face. (Hosea 6:3)

IV. Review of five things in Caleb's life that made him distinctive:

A. He was faithful in all things even when he was not in a position of prominence.

B. Caleb claimed the promises of God – He believed God.

C. Caleb followed the Lord wholly, without reservation.

D. Caleb's obedience was in the context that he was in the minority and his group rejected him.

E. God allowed Caleb to wait.

F. We can apply these same traits to the Apostle Paul.

V. Three Decisions We Must Face

A. We must understand the tensions that life brings about. (Philippians 4:12-13)

1. We are not perfect.

a. When we see Christ, we will be like Him. (I John 3:2-3)

2. We cannot rest on our laurels based on our past. (Philippians 3:13)

a. Few men of God end life well.

B. We must grasp the objectives for our lives. (Philippians 3:14)

1. What is the objective of your life?

a. The purpose of our lives is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever.

2. God has a wonderful plan for our lives.

C. We must develop stamina for the long haul. (Philippians 3:14-15)

1. The Christian life is not a fifty-yard dash.
2. Paul is able to say he fought the good fight. (II Timothy 4:7)
3. Focus on things that are eternal, not on things that vanish.

VI. Have you been branded for Jesus Christ, equipped for every good work? (Philippians 3:17)

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