

“What do you want to be when you grow up?”

Joshua 14:6-15; 15:14-19
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Introduction:

- Career oriented responses
- Accomplishments or Success
- Character or issues of the heart

Our Role Model: Caleb

A. His Unshakeable Faith—Numbers 14:7-9

1. His unshakeable faith in the power, promises, and presence of God which enabled him to stand against the majority.
2. His unshakeable faith was a result of conviction, not heredity.
Joshua 14:6; cp. Genesis 15:19
3. Because of His unshakeable faith, God promised Caleb an inheritance in the promised land.—Numbers 14:24
 - a. The promise is renewed 38 years later—Deut. 1:34-36
 - b. The promised is realized 45 years later—Joshua 14:6-10

B. His Uncommon Graciousness—Joshua 14:8-10

1. Caleb had good reason to be bitter with life or with God.
2. Caleb grew old graciously rather than grumpy by...
 - a. Following the LORD, his God, fully.—vv. 8-9, 14
 - b. Seeing each day as a gift from God—v. 10

C. His Indomitable Spirit—Joshua 14:11-15

“Give me this mountain!!!”

1. Caleb conserved physical strength for spiritual endeavors.
2. The curse of aging is diminished physical energy.
3. Caleb refused to quit, give up,, or retire. Saw his greatest challenges still in the future.

D. His Positive Spiritual Impact—Joshua 15:14-19

1. Caleb’s unshakeable faith and indomitable spirit rubs off on his son-in-law, Othniel, the first judge of Israel.
2. Caleb’s unshakeable faith and indomitable spirit is seen in his daughter’s request for a field and spring of water.