



## LAND POSSESSORS

**TEXT:** Numbers 14: 1-24 NIV

### I. INTRODUCTION AND REVIEW: Land Possessors

- a. You were created to be a land possessor and a territory taker, Top 20%
- b. The borders of your life should be expanding and not shrinking
- c. Land - There is a:
  1. **Place**- Field of study or business for a sphere of influence a position
  2. **Promise**- something God has spoken concerning your life something he has declared over your destiny
  3. **Purpose** - mission, divine intention, assignment that you are supposed to fulfill and have been created to possess.
- d. The "Land" that God has for you is good!
- e. God wants to lead you into it.
- f. Your flow is in the Land that God has for you.
- g. God wants to give it to you: Do not Rebel! Do not Fear!
- h. God is with you!

### II. Distinguishing Characteristics of a Land Possessor

- a. God said the distinguishing characteristic was that Caleb had:
- b. This is what it takes to be a land possessors:
  1. a **different spirit** and
  2. followed him **wholeheartedly**
- c. Are you willing to be Different?
- d. Are you willing to go All In with God?

### III. A Different Spirit

"All the ways of a man are pure in his own eyes, but the Lord weighs the spirit."

Proverbs 16:2 ESV

- a. We are concerned about direction but God is concerned about condition.
- b. Weigh - to regulate, measure, estimate, balance, test, or prove.
- c. If God were to weigh your spirit today what would He see?
- d. God wants us to have a healthy Spirit.
- e. There is a certain weight in the spirit you must have in order to be a Land Possessor.

## IV. A Healthy Spirit

### 1. Humble or Contrite Spirit - low, empty of self

*“For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.”*

*Isaiah 57:15 KJV*

- “Humility is not thinking less of yourself, it's thinking of yourself less.” C. S. Lewis
- Pride makes us artificial and humility makes us real. -Thomas Merton
- Pride must die in you, or nothing of heaven can live in you.- Andrew Murray
- Quick to repent
- Teachable
- Promotion comes to the Humble Matt. 23:12 “they that humble themselves shall be exalted”

### 2. Patient Spirit

“Better is the end of a thing than its beginning, and the patient in spirit is better than the proud in spirit.”

*Ecclesiastes 7:8 ESV*

- Patient- long, slow, long suffering, stamina, perseverance, staying power
- In life it is not always how **big** your faith is but how **long** your faith is
- Patience is power. Patience is not an absence of action; rather it is timing. It waits on the right time to act, for the right principles and in the right way.
- Patience is the calm acceptance that things can happen in an order different than the one you have in mind
- I Corinthians 15:58 “Be steadfast unmovable always abounding in the work of the Lord”
- Isaiah 40:31 “They that wait on the Lord shall renew their strength”

### 3. Faithful Spirit

“A talebearer reveals secrets, But he who is of a faithful spirit conceals a matter.”

*Proverbs 11:13 NKJV*

- Faithful- trustworthy, can keep a matter
- What can God trust you with?
- Are you faithful with what he has committed to you?

### 4. Excellent Spirit

“Then this Daniel distinguished himself above the governors and satraps, because an excellent spirit was in him; and the king gave thought to setting him over the whole realm.”

*Daniel 6:3 NKJV*

- Excellence- doing the best with what you have
- It's not just what you do it's how you do it!
- Excellence is doing ordinary things extraordinarily well- John William Gardner
- Excellence brings distinction and set you apart
- Excellence brings influence and authority

## **5. Seeking Spirit**

“With my soul I have desired You in the night, Yes, by my spirit within me I will seek You early; For when Your judgments are in the earth, The inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness.”

Isaiah 26:9 NKJV

- Seek- to pursue, to search, to discover, to go after
- Seek Him Early!
- How much do you desire more of God
- The blessings come to the Hungry!

## **Closing Verse**

“I will give them an undivided heart and put a new spirit in them; I will remove from them their heart of stone and give them a heart of flesh.”

Ezekiel 11:19 NIV

## **This Week’s Action Steps:**

- 1. Focus Your Heart on the Land God has for you**
- 2. Allow God to remove the stones in your heart**
- 3. Ask God to give you a new Spirit**