

“Caleb... Hath Followed Me Fully”

Numbers 14:24; 32:11-12;
Deuteronomy 1:36; Joshua 14:8-9,14

What Does It Mean To Follow The Lord Fully?

Follow all the days of our lives.

Caleb followed in the wilderness.

He followed in the land of Canaan, 45 years later.

Josh. 14:8-10

- Many don't.
 - Israelites. Numbers 14:29
 - Lot's wife. Genesis 19:26
 - Galatians. Gal. 3:1
- Youth. 1 Timothy 4:12
- Old age. Titus 1:1-5; Psalms 92:14

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Follow with all our heart. cf. Psalms 119:2,10,34,69

- Some don't.
 - Rehoboam. 2 Chronicles 12:1; 2 Chronicles 12:14
 - Solomon. 1 Kings 11:4
 - Kingdom of Judah. Jeremiah 3:10
- Greatest commandment. Matthew 22:36-38
- Requires obedience. John 14:15

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Follow despite hazards.

Some Don't.

- Pharisees
 - Hearts not in religion. Matthew 15:8
 - Loved men's praises. John 12:42-43
 - Hypocrites. Matthew 23:28
- Giants. Numbers 13:33
- Brethren. Numbers 14:10
- Age. (85 years old)
- Shall we? Matthew 5:10-12

How Do We Follow The Lord Fully?

Keep focused on the Lord.

- Some Don't.
 - Israelites. Numbers 13:31-33; Hebrews 3:14ff
 - Confident in the Lord. Numbers 13:30
 - Lord would be with them. Numbers 14:6-9
 - Shall we? Hebrews 12:1-4

Motivation To Follow The Lord Fully?

Useful life.

- Some Don't.
 - Israelites. Numbers 13:31-33; Hebrews 3:14ff
 - “We can't...”
- Leader in Israel. Numbers 13:2,6; 34:18-19
- Example of faith & courage. Numbers 13:30; 14:8-9. **“Let's go!”**
- Inspiration to others. Joshua 14:6-12
- Shall we? 1 Timothy 4:12; 2 Timothy 2:20-22

Motivation To Follow The Lord Fully?

Fulfilled life.

■ Some Don't.

- King Saul.
1 Samuel 31

- Blessed to enter Canaan.
Deuteronomy 1:35-36
- Received his inheritance
around Hebron.
Joshua 14:6-14
- Had rest from war.
Joshua 14:15
- Do we? Ephesians 3:19;
Philippians 3:13-14; 4:7;
1 Peter 1:8

Lessons From Caleb

■ Fully follow the Lord.

- Follow Jesus all the days of your life.
- Follow Jesus with all your heart.
- Follow Jesus despite hazards.

■ Receive the reward.

- Useful life of service to the Lord.
- Fulfilled life that is blessed by the Lord.

- Israel did not enter Canaan, for they *“have not wholly followed me.” Numbers 32:10-13*