

God and Money

VISION – What Are Your Goals?

Joshua and Caleb had a vision!!!

Num 14:6 Joshua son of Nun and Caleb son of Jephunneh, who were among those who had explored the land, tore their clothes...(NIV)

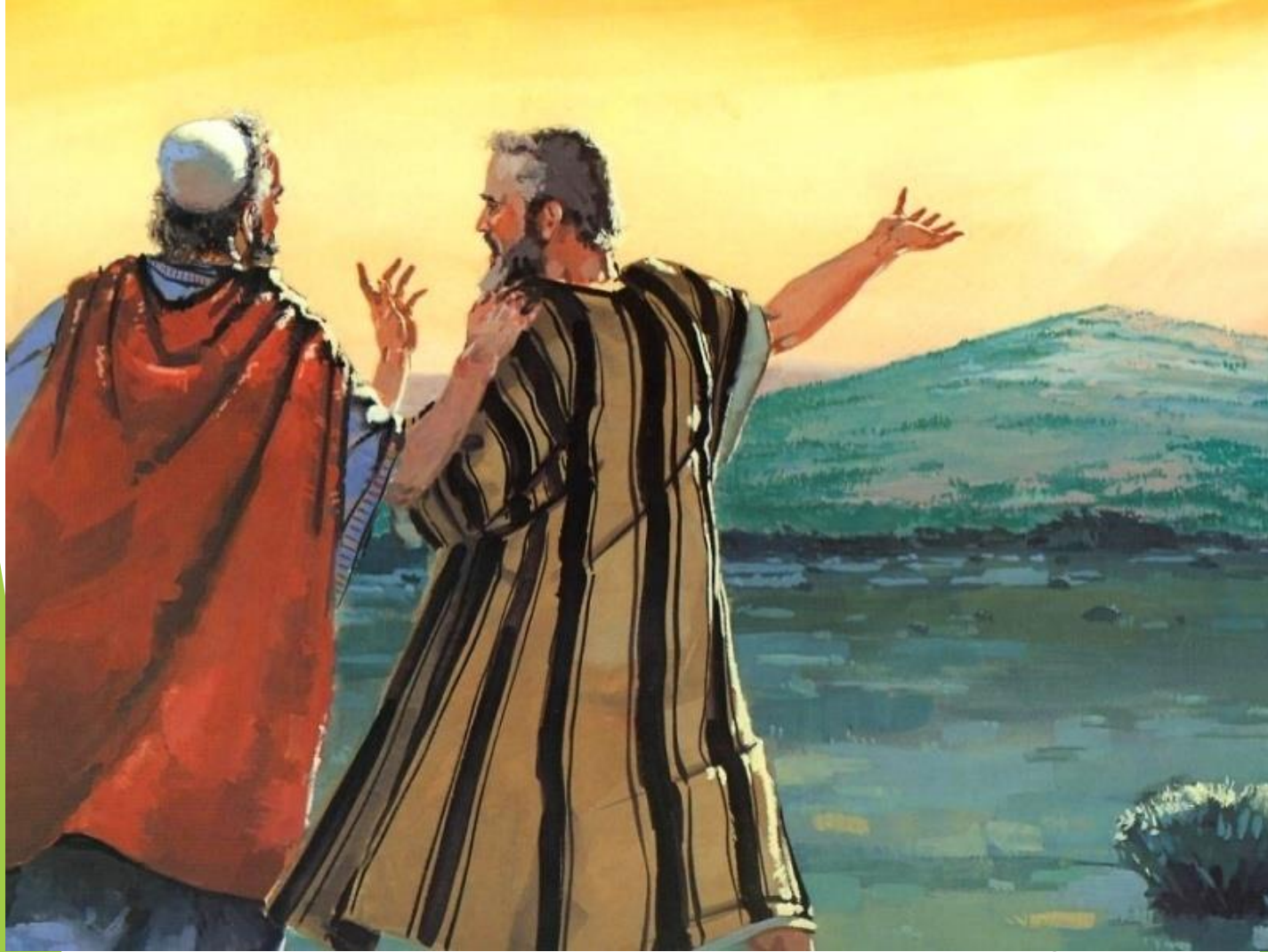
Joshua and Caleb Tore Their Robes!



Joshua and Caleb had a vision!!!

Num 14:7 and said to the entire Israelite assembly, "The land we passed through and explored is exceedingly good.

Num 14:8 If the LORD is pleased with us, he will lead us into that land, a land flowing with milk and honey, and will give it to us. (NIV)



Joshua and Caleb Had a Vision and Followed The LORD Wholeheartedly!!!

Num 14:30

Not one of you will enter the land I swore with uplifted hand to make your home, except Caleb son of Jephunneh and Joshua son of Nun. (NIV)

Num 32:11

"Because they have not followed me wholeheartedly, not one of the men twenty years old or more who came up out of Egypt will see the land I promised on oath to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob—

Num 32:12 not one except Caleb son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite and Joshua son of Nun, for they followed the LORD wholeheartedly.' (NIV)

WITHOUT A VISION...



You Will Not Be Able to Accomplish Your Goals!!!

You Have To Set Goals!

Philippians 3:14

I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus. (NIV)

1Peter 1:8

Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy,

1Peter 1:9

for you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.



IRS

Department of the Treasury
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God's Word on Taxes!!!

Mat 22:17 Tell us then, what is your opinion? Is it right to pay taxes to Caesar or not?"

Mat 22:18 But Jesus, knowing their evil intent, said, "You hypocrites, why are you trying to trap me?"

Mat 22:19 Show me the coin used for paying the tax." They brought him a denarius,

Mat 22:20 and he asked them, "Whose portrait is this? And whose inscription?"

Mat 22:21 "Caesar's," they replied. Then he said to them, "Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's." (NIV)

Our Goal Is To Please God With Our Finances...

2Co 5:9 So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it.

How Do We Please God With Our Finances?

Mal 3:10 Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it.

1Co 16:2 On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income, saving it up, so that when I come no collections will have to be made.

Our Goal Is To Please God With Our Finances...

2Co 8:1 And now, brothers, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches.

2Co 8:2 Out of the most severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity.

2Co 8:3 For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own,

2Co 8:4 they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the saints.

2Co 8:5 And they did not do as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then to us in keeping with God's will.

2Co 8:6 So we urged Titus, since he had earlier made a beginning, to bring also to completion this act of grace on your part.

2Co 8:7 But just as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us—see that you also excel in this grace of giving.

2Co 8:8 I am not commanding you, but I want to test the sincerity of your love by comparing it with the earnestness of others.

2Co 8:9 For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.

2Co 8:10 And here is my advice about what is best for you in this matter: Last year you were the first not only to give but also to have the desire to do so.

2Co 8:11 Now finish the work, so that your eager willingness to do it may be matched by your completion of it, according to your means.

2Co 8:12 For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what he does not have.

We Have To Trust God To Achieve Our Goals...

Gal 3:3 Are you so foolish? After beginning with the Spirit, are you now trying to attain your goal by human effort?

Pro 3:5 Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding;

Pro 3:6 in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.

Pro 3:9 Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops;

Pro 3:10 then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine.

Set Goals To Invest...

- **Company 401K's and Stocks**
 - If your company offers these types of plan, it is wise to invest in them. Companies that offer these plans generally will have employer matching plans too.
- **Pay Yourself**
 - You need to set aside a sum of money for yourself; i.e, 10% of your gross income to a savings, money market, etc.; some type of interest bearing account.
- **Invest In Your Children/Grandchildren**
 - Pro 22:4 Humility and the fear of the LORD bring wealth and honor and life.
 - Pro 22:6 Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it.
 - Pro 22:9 A generous man will himself be blessed, for he shares his food with the poor.


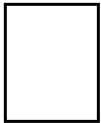


Let's Recap...

1. Have a Vision
2. Set Goals (according to God's will)
3. Honor God with your finances
4. Trust in God!!!

Next Week...



(Preview for Thomas Hood's Lesson)

 to    kids

(Time to pick up your kids!)