

# One of the Greatest Compliments God Ever Gave to a Man

(Numbers 14:24)

- Introduction:
1. There are a lot of ways in which we are complimented.
  2. Sometimes, we're not sure if a compliment is a compliment or a backhanded insult.
  3. But God gives a great compliment to Caleb; one that can't be improved.
  4. God simply said of Caleb that he had a "different spirit" in him.
  5. Let's consider what it means to have a different spirit within us.

## I. His Spirit Caused Him To Act Promptly To Obey God

- A. (Numbers 13:30).
- B. Having a "different spirit" will cause us to act immediately on what we learn, when we learn it.
- C. Don't delay for a "more convenient season."

## II. His Spirit Caused Him To Obey When Others Weren't

- A. (Numbers 13:31).
- B. It's hard to take a stand, to do right, when everyone else is doing otherwise.
- C. Having a "different spirit" expresses itself in having more concern about what God thinks of you than what your peers think of you.

## III. His Spirit Caused Him To Obey When He Didn't Fully Understand

- A. (Numbers 13:32-33; 14:8-9).
- B. Caleb didn't deny the report concerning the Canaanites, nor did he know how God would deliver these fortified cities into their hands, but he trusted God.
- C. Having a "different spirit" causes us to trust God even when we don't understand how he will resolve some of our questions and concerns.

## IV. His Spirit Caused Him To Volunteer

- A. (Joshua 14:6-14).
- B. Caleb asked for the mountainous land in which dwelt the giants.
- C. He knew enough about God that God would be with him.
- D. Having a "different spirit" doesn't allow you to shrink for hard work and sacrifice.

- Conclusion:
1. What an honor for God to single out Caleb and take note that he had a "different spirit" that caused him to fully follow the Lord.
  2. Based on what we saw in the life of Caleb, do you have a "different spirit," a spirit of obedience?
  3. If not, commit yourself to developing that same spirit in our lives.