

Overcoming Mediocrity

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Assignment for tonight:

1. Memorize 2 Cor 10:3-5
2. Outline 2 Cor chapters 3.
3. Bring two passages that relate to tonight's topic: Determination & Dedication

Thought for tonight:

If you think you can or if you think you can't... you're right!

Determination & Dedication

Matthew 6:33

2 Timothy 4:1-2

2 Timothy 2:2

Colossians 3:22-25

**Seek, Strive, Set your mind on, Aim and strive
after—Press on, Persistence, Determination**

- Seek God's kingdom and His righteousness.
- We can learn to see as God sees – 1 Samuel 16:6-7.
- Persistence in preaching, teaching, being a soldier, an athlete, a farmer, in everything – 2 Timothy 2:2-7.
- Dream – a God-given idea, plan, an agenda or goal that leads to a God-honoring life (our vision from last week).
- Ford & Edison – “no quality except persistence, in either of them, that even remotely suggested the major source of their stupendous achievements.” Napoleon Hill.
- Joshua & Caleb – Numbers 14:18-19

Joshua & Caleb

- Read Numbers 14:20-24 – Harsh judgment on the Israelites. But Caleb was rewarded.
- Read Numbers 14:30-35 – So was Joshua.
- Caleb: Joshua 14:7-12 @ 85 years old.
- Joshua: Joshua 23:6-7 & 24:14-15 “...’til the end.”

Observations

- Age has little to do with achievement and nothing to do with commitment – 85 years and counting...
- A godly walk is basic to a positive life – Joshua & Caleb and Mt 6:33
- Convictions are a matter of choice, not force – it's your faith, not your parents'.

Application

- Never use age as an excuse
- Never take your cues from the crowd
- Never think your choices obligate others
- Never quit because someone disagrees with you

This world needs men/women:

- who cannot be bought,
- whose word is their bond,
- who put character above wealth,
- who possess opinions and a will,
- who are larger than their vocations,
- who do not hesitate to take chances,
- who will not lose their individuality in a crowd,
- who will be as honest in small things as in great things,
- who will make no compromise with wrong,
- whose ambitions are not confined to their own selfish desires,
- who are true to their friends through good report and evil report, in adversity as well as in prosperity,
- who are not ashamed or afraid to stand for the truth when it is unpopular,
- who can say “no” with emphasis, although all the rest of the world says “yes.”

THAT'S WHAT SOARING IS ALL ABOUT!!