

CHECKING THE SIGNS IN MY LIFE

Read Numbers chapter 13 paying close attention to the signs of the land.

What vital signs of the new land were the 12 spies to check on?

[If the people who lived there were weak or strong, few or many, v. 18; What kind of land do they live in? Good or bad. v. 19; What kind of towns do they live in? Unwalled or fortified v. 19; How is the soil? Fertile or poor? v. 20; Are there trees on it or not? v. 20]

What signs did the spies find showing it was a good land? _____

[Plentiful grapes, pomegranates and figs. v. 23; It was a land flowing with milk and honey v. 27]

What did the majority of the spies fear about the new land?

_____ *[That the inhabitants were too powerful for them to conquer.]*

What did Caleb urge the people to do? _____ *[To trust God and go head and enter the land.]*

What did the negative spies call themselves in comparison to the giants of the land? Have you ever felt this way in the face of your problems and obstacles? _____ *[Grasshoppers.]*

WHAT DOES GOD'S WORD SAY ABOUT THESE VITAL SIGNS?

Exodus 20:8 _____ *[Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.]*

Psalms 122:1 _____ *[I rejoiced with those who said to me; let us go to the house of the Lord.]*

Acts 17:11 _____ *[Now the Bereans were of more noble character than the Thessalonians, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true.]*

Romans 10:17 _____ [*Faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ.*]

Romans 6:3-4 _____ [*Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.*]

1 Corinthians 11: 25-26 _____ [*This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me. For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.*]

Colossians 3:16 _____ [*Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God.*]

1 Thessalonians 5:17-18 _____ [*Pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.*]

1 Peter 4:10 _____ [*Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms.*]

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT THE SIGNS OF MY PERSONAL LIFE?

Exodus 20:15 _____ [*You should not steal.*]

Proverbs 6:16-19 _____ [*There are six things the Lord hates, seven that are detestable to him; haughty eyes, a lying tongue.*]

Proverbs 10:9 _____ [*The man of integrity walks securely, but he who takes crooked paths will be found out.*]

Proverbs 11: 17 _____ [*A kind man benefits himself, but a cruel man brings trouble on himself.*]

Proverbs 13:10_____ [*Pride only breeds quarrels, but wisdom is found in those who take advice.*]

Proverbs 15:1_____ [*A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.*]

Luke 12:48_____ [*From everyone who has given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted much, much more will be asked.*]

John 15:5, 8_____ [*I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing... This is to my Father's glory that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.*]

Ephesians 5:15-17_____ [*Be very careful then, how you live, not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.*]

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT THE SIGNS OF MY RELATIONSHIPS?

Proverbs 5:3-5_____ [*For the lips of an adulteress drip with honey, and her speech is smoother than oil, but in the end she is bitter as gall, sharp as a double-edged sword. Her feet go down to death; her steps straight to the grave.*]

Proverbs 5:18b_____ [*May you rejoice in the wife of your youth.*]

Proverbs 11: 29a_____ [*He who brings trouble on his family will inherit only wind.*]

Proverbs 17:6_____ [*Children's children are a crown to the aged, and parents are the pride of their children.*]

John 15: 17_____ [*This is my command; love each other.*]

Ephesians 4:26-27,32_____ [*In your anger do not sin. Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, and do not give the devil a foothold.*]

Ephesians 5:33_____ [*Each of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.*]

Colossians 3:19-21_____ [*Husbands love your wives and do not be harsh with them. Children obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord. Fathers do not embitter your children or they will become discouraged.*]

Titus 2:3-6_____ [*Likewise teach the old women to be reverent in the way they live, not to be slanderers or addicted to much wine, but to teach what is good. Then they can train the younger women to love their husbands and children, to be self-controlled and pure, to be busy at home, to be kind, and to be subject to their husbands, so that no one will malign the work of God. Similarly encourage the young men to be self-controlled.*]

Read together Caleb's words in Numbers 13:30, "We should go up and take possession of the land, for we can certainly do it." (NIV)

How can you apply this confident word of faith to your own life?

[*With God's help, I can be a better wife, mother, daughter, grandmother, or friend.*]

What signs do you have of God's love and concern for you?

[*Jesus death for me. The heavenly Father created me as a unique person with special talents and abilities.*]

As you trust these signs of God's presence with you how can it make a difference in your life? _____ [*I can be confident like Caleb that I can do worthwhile and necessary things in my life with God's help.*]