

OVERCOMING THE GRASSHOPPER COMPLEX

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**If you don't conquer your insecurities,
then your insecurities will conquer you.**

This was their report to Moses: "We entered the land you sent us to explore, and it is indeed a bountiful country—a land flowing with milk and honey. Here is the kind of fruit it produces.

But the people living there are powerful, and their towns are large and fortified. We even saw giants there, the descendants of Anak! The Amalekites live in the Negev, and the Hittites, Jebusites, and Amorites live in the hill country. The Canaanites live along the coast of the Mediterranean Sea and along the Jordan Valley."

But Caleb tried to quiet the people as they stood before Moses. "Let's go at once to take the land," he said. "We can certainly conquer it!" But the other men who had explored the land with him disagreed. "We can't go up against them! They are stronger than we are!"

*So they spread this bad report about the land among the Israelites: "The land we traveled through and explored will devour anyone who goes to live there. All the people we saw were huge. We even saw giants there, the descendants of Anak. Next to them *we felt like grasshoppers, and that's what they thought, too!*"*

Numbers 13:27-33 (NLT)

Deliverance (Egypt)
Development (Wilderness)
Destiny (Canaan/The Promised Land)

You may have a Grasshopper Complex if...

- You don't think highly of yourself.
- You are paralyzed by the fear of failure.
- You let what people think and say about you, stop you.

How Do You Overcome the Grasshopper Complex?

1. Focus on your **Opportunities** rather than your **Opposition**.

*This was their report to Moses: "We entered the land you sent us to explore, and it is indeed a **bountiful country**—a land flowing with milk and honey. Here is the kind of fruit it produces. But the people living there are **powerful**, and their **towns are large and fortified**. We even saw **giants there**, the descendants of Anak!"*

Numbers 13:27-28 (NLT)

God allows opposition in our lives to **promote us, not **defeat** us.**

*Jesus said, "**My friend**, go ahead and do what you have come for."*

Matthew 26:50 (NLT)

*Jesus turned to Peter and said, "**Get away from me, Satan!** You are a dangerous trap to me. You are seeing things merely from a human point of view, not from God's." **Matthew 16:23 (NLT)***

2. Focus on your **Faith** rather than your **Fears**.

*But Caleb tried to quiet the people as they stood before Moses. "Let's go at once to take the land," he said. "**We can certainly conquer it!**"*

Numbers 13:30 (NLT)

3. Focus on your **Grapes** rather than your **Giants!**

Grapes are...

the promises, blessings, provisions of God.

*When they came to the valley of Eshcol, they cut down a branch with a single cluster of **grapes so large that it took two of them to carry it on a pole between them!** **Numbers 13:23 (NLT)***

Giants are...

the enemies and the adversaries to the promises and the provisions of God.

*We even **saw giants there**, the descendants of Anak. Next to them **we felt like grasshoppers**, and that's what they thought, too!" **Numbers 13:33 (NLT)***