

MOSES

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I. INTRODUCTION

1 Corinthians 10:6 Now these things occurred as examples to keep us from setting our hearts on evil things as they did.

Numbers 14:1-4 That night all the members of the community raised their voices and wept aloud. All the Israelites grumbled against Moses and Aaron, and the whole assembly said to them, "If only we had died in Egypt! Or in this wilderness! Why is the LORD bringing us to this land only to let us fall by the sword? Our wives and children will be taken as plunder. Wouldn't it be better for us to go back to Egypt?" And they said to each other, "We should choose a leader and go back to Egypt."

II. THE FRUIT OF FRUSTRATION

1. *A Spirit of Fear*

2 Timothy 1:7 for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.

2. *A Spirit of Grumbling*

Philippians 2:14-15 Do everything without grumbling or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, "children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation." Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky

- *Grumbling is often an outward sign of an inward lack of faith.*

3. *A Spirit of Regret*

Philippians 3:13-14 Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

4. *A Spirit of Negativity*

Galatians 6:9 Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

5. A Spirit of Frenzy

Philippians 4:4-7 Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

6. A Spirit of Anger

Ephesians 4:26-27 “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.

James 1:19-20 My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires.

Numbers 14:21-23 Nevertheless, as surely as I live and as surely as the glory of the LORD fills the whole earth, not one of those who saw my glory and the signs I performed in Egypt and in the wilderness but who disobeyed me and tested me ten times— not one of them will ever see the land I promised on oath to their ancestors. No one who has treated me with contempt will ever see it.

- *When you focus on your frustrations more than your faith, you jeopardize your freedom.*
- *Tomorrow's freedom can be forfeited because of today's frustration.*

Numbers 14:24 But because my servant Caleb has a different spirit and follows me wholeheartedly, I will bring him into the land he went to, and his descendants will inherit it.

- *In a culture of frustration, God's people are called to have a different spirit.*

III. THREE CHARACTERISTICS OF A DIFFERENT SPIRIT

1. A Spirit of Faith

Numbers 14:7-9 and said to the entire Israelite assembly, “The land we passed through and explored is exceedingly good. 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. Only do not rebel against the LORD. And do not be afraid of the people of the land, because we will devour them. Their protection is gone, but the LORD is with us. Do not be afraid of them.”

2. A Spirit of Courage

Numbers 13:30 Then Caleb silenced the people before Moses and said, “We should go up and take possession of the land, for we can certainly do it.”

- *If your focus is on the problem and not on the solution, then you are a part of the problem and not the solution.*

3. A Spirit of Hope

Numbers 14:33 Your children will be shepherds here for forty years, suffering for your unfaithfulness, until the last of your bodies lies in the wilderness.

- *Jesus needs a faithful, courageous, hope-filled church, not a frustrated one.*

Hebrews 3:7-11 So, as the Holy Spirit says: “Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as you did in the rebellion, during the time of testing in the wilderness, where your ancestors tested and tried me, though for forty years they saw what I did. That is why I was angry with that generation; I said, ‘Their hearts are always going astray, and they have not known my ways.’ So I declared on oath in my anger, ‘They shall never enter my rest.’”