

“Vision Series”

“I Have A Different Spirit”

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Question

What changes do you need to make today, to distinguish yourself from your peers and people, for future generations?

Text: Numbers 14:20 -25 (NKJV)

Then the LORD said: “I have pardoned, according to your word; ²¹ but truly, as I live, all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the LORD— ²² because all these men who have seen My glory and the signs which I did in Egypt and in the wilderness and have put Me to the test now these ten times, and have not heeded My voice, ²³ they certainly shall not see the land of which I swore to their fathers, nor shall any of those who rejected Me see it. ²⁴ But My servant Caleb, because he has a different spirit in him and has followed Me fully, I will bring into the land where he went, and his descendants shall inherit it.

Different Spirit!

- **The word different** in the Hebrew is 'Acher {akh-air'} which is interpreted as another, other, next, or strange spirit.
- **The word spirit** in the Hebrew is ruwach {roo'-akh} which is interpreted as breathe, mind, spirit and or wind.

Professor William Chopin (MSU)

1. Concern about other people's reactions
2. Desire to break the rules
3. Willingness to defend beliefs publicly

“Fitting in is a short-term strategy that gets you nowhere.
Standing out is a long-term strategy that takes guts and
produces results.”

Seth Gordan

1. Different Perspective

Different Perspective is more than relying on one's own perception or interpretation of an issue or situation, but the ability to listen and learn from others and or God's viewpoint of an issue or situation.

Text: Numbers 14:6-9 (NKJV)

But Joshua the son of Nun and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, *who were* among those who had spied out the land, tore their clothes; and they spoke to all the congregation of the children of Israel, saying: “The land we passed through to spy out *is* an exceedingly good land. If the LORD delights in us, then He will bring us into this land and give it to us, ‘a land which flows with milk and honey.’ Only do not rebel against the LORD, nor fear the people of the land, for they[c] *are* our bread; their protection has departed from them, and the LORD *is* with us. Do not fear them.”

2. Devotion to God

Devotion to God is an intense dedication and commitment to Him, by showing love, loyalty, and obedience to Him in our personal devotion and discipline to His cause.

Text: Numbers 32:11 (NKJV)

‘Surely none of the men who came up from Egypt, from twenty years old and above, shall see the land of which I swore to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, because they have not wholly followed Me, except Caleb the son of Jephunneh, the Kenizzite, and Joshua the son of Nun, for they have wholly followed the Lord.’

3. Determination to stay the Course

Determination is to be steadfast and have resolve to pursue a calling, course, and commitment to a set of principles and purpose in the face of adversity.

Text: Numbers 14:11-12 (NKJV)

As yet I *am as* strong this day as on the day that Moses sent me; just as my strength *was* then, so now *is* my strength for war, both for going out and for coming in. Now therefore, give me this mountain of which the Lord spoke in that day; for you heard in that day how the Anakim *were* there, and *that* the cities *were* great *and* fortified. It may be that the Lord *will be* with me, and I shall be able to drive them out as the Lord said.”

4. Descendants Legacy

Descendants Legacy is the spiritual, material, and moral inheritance passed down through generations, along with knowledge, understanding, wisdom and workmanship.

Text: Judges 3:9 (NKJV)

When the children of Israel cried out to the LORD, the LORD raised up a deliverer for the children of Israel, who delivered them: Othniel the son of Kenaz, Caleb's younger brother.

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