

Attitude Check

Lesson Eight • Numbers 13:1 - 14:5

A Doubting Attitude

Attitude Check: Replace a Doubting Attitude

Doubt is the absence of FAITH; a lack of assurance or confidence that God will keep His promises.

“Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the LORD your God goes with you; He will never leave you nor forsake you.” Deuteronomy 31:6 NIV

*My God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.
Philippians 4:19 NASB*

*No weapon that is formed against you will prosper...This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord.
Isaiah 54:17 NKJV*

Five Principles Regarding Doubt and Faith

Principle 1: God Places Regular TESTS of Faith Before His Children!

Numbers 13:1-3

*Then I said to you, “You have reached the hill country of the Amorites, which the LORD our God is giving us. See, the LORD your God has given you the land. Go up and take possession of it as the LORD, the God of your ancestors, told you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.”
Deuteronomy 1:20-21 NIV*

*But you were unwilling to go up; you rebelled against the command of the LORD your God...
In spite of this, you did not trust in the LORD your God. Deuteronomy 1:26, 32 NIV*

Principle 2: The Circumstances of Life Will Either SHRINK or STRETCH Your Faith!

Numbers 13:4-20

Then I said to you, “Do not be terrified; do not be afraid of them. The LORD your God, who is going before you, will fight for you, as He did for you in Egypt, before your very eyes, and in the wilderness. There you saw how the LORD your God carried you, as a father carries his son, all the way you went until you reached this place.” In spite of this, you did not trust in the LORD your God. Deuteronomy 1:29-32 NIV

Principle 3: Doubt Sees the OBSTACLES; Faith Sees the OPPORTUNITIES!

Numbers 13:25-33

The Doubt of the Ten Spies

The problem was never the armies, fortified cities, or the giants; the problem was their ATTITUDE: they doubted that God would keep His promises.

Principle 4: When Surrounded by Doubters, DOUBTING Comes Easily!

Numbers 14:1-2

Principle 5: It's a Short Journey from Doubt to DESPAIR!

Numbers 14:2-5

Despairing Hearts

Desperate PLANS come from despairing hearts.

Two Soul-Searching Questions

- Am I a doubting person?** Maybe the answer is yes. Maybe the answer is sometimes. Maybe the answer is too often. In spiritual matters, doubting is death.
- Am I willing to repent of my doubt?** Am I willing to turn from the pattern of unbelief that has produced this wilderness heart of mine? We must ask God to grow a heart of faith, because we cannot do it on our own. We can go to God as the disciples did and ask, “Lord, increase my faith.”