

Morning Lesson

SERVANTHOOD – JANUARY

Matt. 20:26-28

HOW CAN DEACONS SERVE?

1 Tim. 3:8-13

INTRO:

1. Moses was told to send leaders from each tribe into Canaan to spy out the land.
2. In this group of poor leaders, Joshua and Caleb excelled.
3. **Numbers 13 and 14** share eight traits that make great leaders.

I. URGENCY. 13:30

- A. Too often leaders fail because they do not see the need of the hour and respond in timely fashion.
- B. Caleb said “Let us go up at once...”

II. ACTIVITY. 13:30

- A. Caleb wanted to lead Israel to take possession.
- B. He knew that leadership required effort and activity.
- C. Leaders are **doers of the word. James 1:22**

III. CONFIDENCE. 13:31; Phil. 4:13

IV. CONCERN. 14:6, 7

- A. Joshua and Caleb showed proper concern.
- B. Righteous leaders are concerned over the spiritual state of those who follow them.

V. COMMUNICATION. 14:7

VI. POSITIVITY. 14:7

- A. Joshua and Caleb focused on the positive.
- B. They said Canaan was “**an exceedingly good land.**”
- C. They forecast victory.
- D. Good leaders see the potential and not the problem.

VII. FAITH AND DEPENDENCY. 14:8

VIII. FULL OBEDIENCE. 14:24

- A. God paid Caleb a high compliment when he said, “**he has followed me fully...**”
- B. Good leaders will strive to obey all that God says.

CONC:

1. Joshua and Caleb are wonderful examples for leaders of the Lord’s people today.
2. God bless deacons who so understand the vitality and eternity of their mission and work that they constantly try to incorporate these traits.