"CALEB: A MAN COMMITTED TO GOD

(Caleb "wholly followed the Lord")

Joshua 14:6-15

***You should be like Caleb and "wholly follow the Lord!"**

3 Reasons:

I. When you wholly follow the Lord, You will develop deep CONVICTIONS (v. 7-8)

A. Your convictions can be measured by your obedience

B. Your convictions must be personal convictions, not borrowed from others (v. 7)

C. Your convictions, if real, will pass the test of opposition (v. 8)

II. When you wholly follow the Lord, You will overcome difficult CHALLENGES (v. 12-13)

A. Caleb put his trust in God's presence (v. 12) ("with me")

B. Caleb put his trust in God's promise (v. 12b) ("as the Lord said")

III. When you wholly follow the Lord, You will reap desired BLESSINGS (v. 9-11, 14)

A. Personal blessings - "thine inheritance" (v. 9)

1. Caleb was blessed with a long life (v. 10)

2. Caleb was blessed with a vigorous life (v. 11)

3. Caleb was blessed with a prosperous life (v. 14)

B. Family blessings - "and thy children's forever" (v. 9)

To follow Christ requires commitment
(SEE: Luke 9:57-62)

Three excuses for not following the Lord:

Excuse #1 -The cost is too <u>great</u> (v. 58)
(the <u>comforts</u> of this life)

Excuse #2 -I'll serve You <u>later</u> (v. 59-60)
(the <u>customs</u> of this life)

Excuse #3 -Other things (people) are more important
(v. 61-62)
(the <u>cares</u> of this life)