

POSSESSING OUR LAND – 3
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DEUTERONOMY 26:1

INTRODUCTION: We've come to Jesus. Now it's up to us to take possession of our inheritance by faith. **JOSHUA 18:1-3** Seven of the twelve tribes were slack to fight for what was already given to them. They were so used to God doing it all that when it came time for them to exercise their faith, expecting God's miraculous interventions, they chose mediocrity instead. **HEBREWS 6:11-12** We are not to be slothful or inactive, but diligent to use our faith and inherit the promises already provided for us in Christ.

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11. Look to the Spirit for guidance. **1 SAMUEL 23:2-4, 30:6-8**
 - A. David inquired of the Lord before going into battle. At Ziklag he encouraged himself in the Lord before inquiring of Him.
 - B. **JOHN 16:13** – The spirit wants to help us also. Jesus defeated every enemy for us. Now the Spirit will guide us in making our inheritance a reality. **2 CORINTHIANS 2:14**
12. Give the battle to God. **2 CHRONICLES 14:11-12**
 - A. Outnumbered almost two to one, Asa called on the name of the Lord who gave him the victory.
 - B. **2 CHRONICLES 16:7-13** – By not relying on God, Asa was defeated.
 - C. **ROMANS 8:31-32** – God wants us to rely on Him for victory.
13. Obedience trumps sacrifice. **1 SAMUEL 15:19-24**
 - A. Saul disobeyed, then sacrificed against God's laws.
 - B. If Adam obeyed, Jesus' sacrifice wouldn't have been necessary.
14. The power of synergy. **DEUTERONOMY 32:30, ECCLESIASTES 4:12, GENESIS 11:6**
 - A. Synergy makes it easier to accomplish goals, makes a highway for God to move, and creates a force Satan can't penetrate.
 - B. **MATTHEW 18:18-20** – Synergy works because of Jesus.
15. Remain confident and aggressive. **1 SAMUEL 17:48**
 - A. Lion, bear or giant, David was confident, and aggressive because he knew his God.
 - B. **1 PETER 5:8-9** – He's coming and seeking, but faith defeats him.
16. Recognize the enemy's traps. **2 SAMUEL 11:1-4**
 - A. David sinned by not going to war, by numbering the soldiers (**1 CHRONICLES 21:1**), and by not resisting adultery, deception and murder.
 - B. **GALATIANS 1:3-4 (AMPC)** – Jesus delivered us from sins power but we must resist temptation by faith.
2 TIMOTHY 2:1-4 (NLT)
17. Activate the power of the Spirit. **ZECHARIAH 4:6-7**
 - A. It's not political power, military power, or human power and intellect that gets the work done. It's spiritual power.
 - B. **ISAIAH 40:28-31** – It's God's strength that empowers us.
 - C. **EPHESIANS 3:20** – God's power transcends human thoughts.
 - D. **PHILIPPIANS 2:13 (AMPC), EPHESIANS 6:10 (AMPC)**

CONCLUSION: **COLOSSIANS 1:9-13** – Paul's prayer sums up our teaching. We've been delivered from Satan's kingdom, we have an inheritance in Christ, and even though Satan will try to prevent us from experiencing our blessings, by faith we can enter our rest and enjoy the full blessings of the gospel. **ROMANS 15:29**