

# GIANTS IN THE LAND

Numbers 13:25-14:1

## GIANTS OF FAILURE



**1. THE GIANT OF DOUBT:** DOUBT is a Giant who stays on the border of the Promised Land to terrify anyone who would dare to enter.

He defeats many people just by letting them see him there.

And then he calls out to them, “Who do you think you are to even consider entering into this great land?”

And with many, if not most, the sight of him, along with his challenge is all that is needed for their defeat.

*Jesus answered and said unto them, Verily I say unto you, If ye have faith, and doubt not, ye shall not only do this which is done to the fig tree, but also if ye shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; it shall be done. Matthew 21:21*

DOUBT is a lack of confidence.

**2. THE GIANT OF DISCOURAGEMENT:** DISCOURAGEMENT is a Giant who utters the challenge, “You may have been bold enough to enter the promised land, but you will never last. **You don’t have what it takes.**”

Some people will never accomplish anything because of discouragement. Any little obstacle, or resistance defeats them. DISCOURAGEMENT freezes the blood. It will cause you to feel like staying in bed in the morning.

Do not even speak when you are discouraged.

*And they journeyed from mount Hor by the way of the Red sea, to compass the land of Edom: and the soul of the people was much discouraged because of the way.*

*And the people spake against God, and against Moses, Wherefore have ye brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? for there is no bread, neither is there any water; and our soul loatheth this light bread. Numbers 21:4-5*

Let us also read Numbers 13:26-33, and Numbers 14:1-4.

DISCOURAGEMENT is a lack of courage. Someone has said bravery is when you are not afraid.

Courage is when you are afraid, but you press on and do it anyway.

**3. THE GIANT OF DESPAIR:** DESPAIR is a Giant who will trample on all we hope for. Doubt brings discouragement. Discouragement brings despair.

*We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair;*

**2 Corinthians 4:8**

DESPAIR is to lose all hope or confidence.

But let’s look at four giants that we either have in our life, or that we are capable of obtaining.

# GIANTS OF SUCCESS

**1. THE GIANT OF DESIRE:** DESIRE is a Giant that will help us realize we need something. DESIRE is the evidence that you need something. When businessmen desire money, they seek after it.

*Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them. Mark 11:24*

Do **not** pray without desire. Do pray **with** desire.

DESIRE is to long or hope for something.

**2. THE GIANT OF DETERMINATION:** DETERMINATION is a Giant that will help us go after what we need. Some people have desire, but that is all they have. They do not determine to succeed. Desire must enlist the aid of determination.

Let us read Joshua 14:6-14.

A promise was given to Caleb, and after 45 years, he was determined to get it.

DETERMINATION is to be definitely settled on something.

**3. THE GIANT OF DISCIPLINE:** DISCIPLINE is a Giant who becomes a tremendous force for good in your life. Self-discipline can be a great helper to the Giant of Determination.

*Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain.*

*And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible.*

*I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air:*

*But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway. 1 Corinthians 9:24-27*

Our bodies do not want to suffer, fast, etc. Our bodies want to feast, play, sleep in, etc.

The Christian life is a life of discipline and overcoming. Read Revelation 2:7, 11, 17, 26. Also Revelation 3:5, 12, 21.

What do you want out of this life? What do you want to accomplish? Is it worth self-discipline?

DISCIPLINE, of self-discipline in this case, is the correction, or regulation of ourselves for the sake of improvement.

**4. THE GIANT OF DILIGENCE:** DILIGENCE is a Giant who will help us keep our goals before us.

*But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him. Hebrews 11:6*

Some people never go beyond salvation. Some people never succeed at anything that is vital to them and those who depend on them. Why?

They are not diligent. They do not strive. They do not forsake everything that will hinder them from moving forward.

*And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; 2 Peter 1:5*

DILIGENCE is to apply ourselves to persevere after what we want.