

Victorious Christian Living

PART 15

Living to Your God Given Capacity
Joshua 17:14-18

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I. Background:

A. Apportionment of the Promised Land was made according to:

1. **Size** of tribe.
2. **Previous** promises/commandments. (cf. 17:4)
3. Casting of the **lot**. (cf. Prov. 16:33)

B. Even though their allotment was accurate, the tribes of E&M **complained** about theirs.

II. They based their complaint on past blessings

Consider their arguments...

- A. We are a **numerous** people (v.14)
- B. We are blessed with a special **heritage** (cf. Gen. 48 & Num. 13:8).

Remember this: God honors humble **diligence**. (cf. Prov. 10:4)

There was a deeper problem still...

III. Up until now, they were unwilling to live to their God given capacity.

- A. They wanted more land when they **hadn't claimed** what they were already allotted. (18:3)
- B. Are you willing to ask yourself this?:
 1. Have I claimed my **full allotment** of victorious Christian living?
 2. Am I using to the **fullest capacity** that which I have already been given?

IV. In order to live to your God given capacity...

- A. You must **completely drive out** the Enemy (Titus 2:11-14).
- B. Lay the ax of God's Word to the root of whatever sin keeps you from living to your God given capacity.

Four possible sins that were keeping them (us?) from living to their God given capacity:

1. **Entitlement**: belief that one is deserving of some particular reward or benefit... often used pejoratively. (Cf. Prov. 26:13-16)
2. **Greed**: Insatiable desire for gain. (Rom. 1:29a; Lk. 12:15; Col. 3:5; Lk. 16:13; Eph. 5:5)
3. **Jealousy**: Hostility towards a rival or one believed to enjoy an advantage. (Rom. 13:13; Gal. 5:20; cf. II Cor. 12:20)
4. **Envy**: Painful or resentful awareness of an advantage enjoyed by another joined with a desire to possess the same advantage. (Gal. 5:26; I Cor. 13:4; Prov. 14:30)

- C. Be **filled** with the Holy Spirit. (Eph. 5:18a; cf. Lk. 11:26)



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