

## **Desiring and Doing**

### **Ready:**

“Instead, be loyal to the LORD your God, as you have been to this day.” -- Joshua 23:8

### **Set**

Reid Priddy (men’s volleyball) and Donny Robinson (BMX) were Olympic athletes whose fields of competition received little attention.

These athletes remained faithful in their commitment to Jesus Christ and their sport. They fully understood what it was like to work at something with all their hearts, being enthusiastically committed to winning for the glory of God. But these two men also knew that their desire must be accompanied by action.

In Numbers 13, we are introduced to Caleb, somebody just like Priddy and Robinson. Caleb didn’t receive much notice and basically stood in the shadow of people who received greater attention. He was one of the 12 spies who brought a correct report to Moses about the Promised Land of Canaan. He wasn’t of Jewish background, but his faith was solid in their God. He was faithful, knowing he was working for God and not men, and his actions proved it.

Caleb persevered for more than 38 years and finally attacked and possessed the Promise Land. Even at the age of 85, he enthusiastically served God and kicked down the gates of Hebron to move his family into a new home. His desire was accompanied by doing.

What truly matters is a life of disciplined action with a focus on doing for God, not man. So, make sure your desires are accompanied by action that honors Him!

### **Go**

- Do your actions accompany your desire to live, work and compete for God? If not, why not?
- Are you willing to persevere for God’s glory over glory for yourself?

### **Workout**

Numbers 13

Deuteronomy 6:5

### **Overtime**

“Father, help me focus on doing for You and not praise from man. I pray that my spiritual and

athletic desires will be accompanied by actions that honor You. Amen.”



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