

Num 13:27-28

Then they told him, and said: "We went to the land where you sent us. It truly flows with milk and honey, and this is its fruit. "Nevertheless the people who dwell in the land are strong; the cities are fortified and very large; moreover we saw the descendants of Anak there.

Remember in the book of Exodus, when the children of Israel were in the wilderness, and the Lord told Moses to send out 12 men to go and spy out the land that He was going to give to them? When they did go, they saw two things; huge fruit in abundance:

† **Num 13:23** *Then they came to the Valley of Eshcol, and there cut down a branch with one cluster of grapes; they carried it between two of them on a pole. They also brought some of the pomegranates and figs.*

And the giants who lived there.

† **Num 13:28** *Nevertheless the people who dwell in the land are strong; the cities are fortified and very large; moreover we saw the descendants of Anak there.*

But when they came back, their main focus and what they reported was not the great blessings God had for the people. But rather their focus was on the obstacles, which were the giants in the land. Don't you think that if God promised them the land that He would deal with those obstacles?

With that in mind, think about the blessings that God has promised you, but you have been so focused on the obstacles that you are missing those blessings?
Do you fear the giants and obstacles in your life more than the Lord?

† **Psalms 115:13** *He will bless those who fear the LORD,
Both small and great.*

† **Psalms 27:1** *The LORD is my light and my salvation;
Whom shall I fear?
The LORD is the strength of my life;
Of whom shall I be afraid?*

If you are, maybe it's time to start thinking like Joshua and Caleb did. As you read this next passage, notice that their focus was not on the giants, but rather the Lord and His blessings, which should be our focus as well.

† **Numbers 14:6-8** *But Joshua the son of Nun and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, who were among those who had spied out the land, tore their clothes; and they spoke to all the congregation of the children of Israel, saying: "The land we passed through to spy out is an exceedingly good land. If the LORD delights in*

us, then He will bring us into this land and give it to us, 'a land which flows with milk and honey.'