

Challenges To Christian Living

(Numbers 11-14)

- Introduction:
1. There are several inherent problems to being a Christian.
 2. The reason is that we continually have an adversary (1 Peter 5:8-9).
 3. (2 Timothy 3:12).
 4. To the person who wants to do more than **"play at Christianity"** these perils pose a serious challenge.
 5. By looking at the life of Moses, we can see several perils that he faced that are common to us.

I. The Challenge Of Discouragement And Depression

- A. (Numbers 11:1-15).
- B. The people Moses was called to lead were a disgruntled and dissatisfied people.
- C. Moses was so discouraged that he began to question God.
- D. But God did not abandon him (11:16-25).
- E. (Galatians 6:9) Don't grow weary in well doing.

II. The Challenge Of Jealousy And Indispensability

- A. (Numbers 11:24-30).
- B. Leadership can become a **"heady"** experience to some.
 1. (1 Timothy 3:6).
- C. Moses wasn't threatened by more prophets, but welcomed their abilities.
- D. Can we look at God's activity in the lives of others with joy rather than jealousy?
- E. (Philippians 2:3-4).

III. The Challenge Of Being Rejected

- A. (Numbers 13:25-33).
- B. Israel was afraid to enter the promised land due to the size of their enemies.
- C. Thus they murmured against Moses.
 1. Wanted to select a new leader.
 2. Wanted to stone Moses to death.
- D. Can you endure rejection?

V. The Challenge Of Resentment And Revenge

- A. (Numbers 14:11-19).
- B. Instead of retaliating, Moses made intercession on behalf of the Israelites.
- C. What would you have done?
- D. (Romans 12:14,17-21).

- Conclusion:
1. Moses managed to handle most of the challenges he faced pretty well.
 2. And we too, can have such a solid track record if we would remember:
 - a. The godly life is never easy; but is ultimately rewarding.