



Group Discussion & Application

1. On your Bible map, look at the land designated for Ephraim and Manasseh. Looking at this, what do you think of their complaint?
2. What are some of the gifts we have received from God?
How must we respond to make the fullest use of these gifts?
3. Discuss the causes (and practical cures) of discontent.
4. What relationship do we see pictured between a free, undeserved gift from God, and man's response and personal responsibility with regard to that gift?
5. The sons of Joseph wanted something for nothing—God's blessings without the work and the warfare. Give some examples of ways Christians today may exhibit this same attitude.
6. What are some of the ways we attempt to excuse and cover up our discontent and irresponsibility with regard to God's gifts?
7. Give some examples of discontent with God's gifts to us, or envy of God's gifts to others.
8. What parallels do you see between Israel's warring and possessing the land and the believer's sanctification?



Personal Reflection & Response

1. In what areas of your life does this study apply to you?
2. In what area of your life are you least satisfied with what God has given you?
3. In what ways do you need to respond more faithfully to God's gifts?



Family Homework

1. One of the best gifts I ever received was...
2. How do you feel when you receive a gift that was not what you expected?
3. Make a list of some gifts God has given to us?
4. How are we to respond and make use of these gifts?



Rules for Receiving Joshua 17:14-18

*From the mistakes made by the tribes of Ephraim & Manasseh, we learn
Three rules for receiving and enjoying God's gifts.*

1 Receive God's gifts with _____.

2 Receive God's gifts with _____.

3 Receive God's gifts with _____.