



LESSON 9 // WATCH OUT

Big Idea: We learn about legacy living not only from Abraham's story in the Bible, but also from the story of his nephew Lot. Valuable lessons from Lot include the reality that what looks good isn't always good and flirting with sin is the first step to falling into it—and puts you and others at great risk.

Genesis 13:10-11, 13 (NIV) Lot looked around and saw that the whole plain of the Jordan toward Zoar was well watered, like the garden of the LORD, like the land of Egypt. (This was before the LORD destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah.) 11 So Lot chose for himself the whole plain of the Jordan. ... 13 Now the people of Sodom were wicked and were sinning greatly against the LORD.

Proverbs 14:12 (NIV) There is a way that appears to be right, but in the end it leads to death.

2 Timothy 2:22 (NIV) Flee the evil desires of youth and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

Romans 12:2 (NLT) Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

Genesis 19:24-26 (NLT) Then the LORD rained down fire and burning sulfur from the sky on Sodom and Gomorrah. 25 He utterly destroyed them, along with the other cities and villages of the plain, wiping out all the people and every bit of vegetation. 26 But Lot's wife looked back as she was following behind him, and she turned into a pillar of salt.

Luke 17:32 (NIV) Remember Lot's wife!

Start Talking:

Share about a choice in your life that you thought looked good, but turned out not so good.

Start Thinking:

Read Genesis 13:10-13 and Proverbs 14:12. Why is choosing to be in a situation that “looks good” not always the best choice for us as we seek to follow the Lord? What are some practical ways you can make godly choices that would head off this issue?

Read 2 Timothy 2:22. What does it mean to “flee” from “evil desires”? Why is it so important to “pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace” as part of this strategy against sin?

Read Romans 12:2. How does God work to “change the way you think”? What is your part in this process by which He “transforms you into a new person”?

Read Genesis 19:24-26 and Luke 17:32. Why do you think Jesus commanded us to “remember Lot's wife”? What can we learn from her story?

Start Praying and Doing:

Ask God this week to renew your mind by “changing the way you think,” so that you're seeking to love and follow the Lord with all your heart, mind, soul and strength! (see Mark 12:29-30)