

“Letting God Choose”

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Proverbs 3:5-6

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Introduction:

- A. Every day we are faced with all kinds of _____; some big and some small.
- B. The consequences of the choices we make can lead to marvelous _____ or painful _____.
- C. I hope we can learn from Abraham and Lot how best to follow after God in the choices and _____ of life.

I. The Story

- A. Genesis 13:1-4
 - 1. Much of Abraham’s wealth had come from _____.
 - 2. Abraham arrived back at the place where he’d been on _____.
- B. Genesis 13:5
 - 1. When Abraham prospered in Egypt, Lot _____ as well.
 - 2. So far, Lot had _____ caused any problems for Abraham, but that was about to _____.
- C. Genesis 13:6-7
 - 1. _____ often brings its own challenges.
 - 2. All the necessary elements for a family _____ were brewing.
- D. Genesis 13:8-9
 - 1. Abraham began by emphasizing that their _____ was most important.
 - 2. Abraham didn’t pull _____, but treated Lot as an _____, and put Lot in charge of his own _____.
 - 3. In giving Lot first choice of the land, Abraham _____ that God would take care of him.
- E. Genesis 13:10-13
 - 1. Lot’s selection of the most fertile territory reveals his true _____.
 - 2. Lot should have graciously _____ the first choice to Abraham.
 - 3. Lot should not have taken the _____ land.
- F. Genesis 13:14-18
 - 1. After Lot left, God graciously made another appearance to Abraham and gave him reassurance by _____ the promise.

II. The Application

- JJ. Abraham and Lot represent two different perspectives for making _____.
 - 1. Lot represents thinking and planning in a _____-dimensional way.
 - 2. Abraham represents thinking and planning in a _____-dimensional way.
- B. Four principles to help us consider the _____ dimension in our decisions.
 - 1. Don’t be blinded by the _____ benefits.
 - 2. Don’t underestimate the impact of _____ consequences
 - 3. Seek _____ from the Lord and godly people
 - 4. Important Question: Will this decision enhance my relationship with _____?

Conclusion:

- A. _____ is great, but _____ is better (Prov. 3:5-6; Matt. 6:31-33).

Answer Key: Intro.A. choices. B. blessings, zonks. C. decisions. I.A.1. Pharaoh. I.A.2. track. I.B.1. benefitted. I.B.2. not, change. I.C.1. Prosperity. I.C.2. conflict. I.D.1. relationship. I.D.2. rank, equal, fate. I.D.3. trusted. I.E.1. character. I.E.2. deferred. I.E.3. best. I.F.1. reaffirming. II.A. decisions. II.A.1. two. II.A.2. three. II.B. vertical. II.B.1. positive. II.B.2. negative. II.B.3. advice. II.B.4. God. Concl.A. Hindsight, foresight.