

Beware of Living for the Moment

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Oakbrook Community Church (PCA)

Genesis 25:27-34; Hebrews 12:16-17

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1. You can lose great blessings if you do not appreciate them.

- Esau was richly blessed but did NOT appreciate those blessings
- Esau might have said: “God ordained it” (blamed God)
- Esau might have: “blamed his parents for his troubles” 25:28

Lessons:

- parents need to live Gospel centered lives – confession 1 Jn 1:9, forgiveness Mt 5:23 before their kids
- we can’t blame our disobedience on another’s sin Rm 14:12

2. Small Choices can have drastic consequences!

- Life is full of critical small decisions that can drastically affect us!
- Beware of lots of “small” wrong decisions Hebrews 12:16-17
- Are you “unholy” in your “small” thinking? instead Mt 6:31-33
- Train yourself for Godliness – 1 Tim 4:7 MEMORIZE IT! TEST IT!
- We face eternity everyday - Mt 24:42-44

3. Don’t Mistake non-essentials for what is truly essential and important.

- At the moment little things seem big: Gen 25:32
- Moses’ audience: Israel about to enter promised land
 - Thought they needed ‘things - food, water, shelter, protection’
 - Would they do the Will of God even when it was difficult?

4. We can grab the right thing for the wrong reasons in the wrong way.

- Jacob wanted the right thing for the wrong reasons in the wrong way
 - took advantage of his brother’s impetuosity & hunger Phil 2:4
 - Jacob should have waited on God’s provision : Ps 37:4; Mt 10:39; Prv 3:5-6
 - Israel wanted right things for wrong reasons Num 14:39-45
 - Check YOURSELF – what are your reasons?
 - God doesn’t save us to be happy & comfortable for ourselves...
 - God saves us to Glorify Him & Serve Him and be ambassadors 2 Cor 5:20
 - Pray: thy kingdom come, thy will be done in MY life as it is in heaven!

Application:

- Write down what is truly essential in your life in light of God’s Word
- Evaluate yourself
- Write out goals to improve in these areas so you can experience God’s grace

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