

# AND HE SOLD HIS BIRTHRIGHT

## GENESIS 25

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<sup>33</sup> And Jacob said, Swear to me this day; and he swore unto him: and he sold his birthright unto Jacob.

Introduction:

There is little doubt that life contains many choices.  
There is little doubt that life has many difficulties.  
There is little doubt that the choices we make with difficulties can either make or break the quality of our life!

The problem with most people, including Christians, is NOT the problems themselves but the choices we make when we face them.

1. Examination of Choices
2. Examples of Choices

A. Bad

1. Lot

2. David (2 Sam 11)
3. Solomon (1 Kings 11:1-8)
4. Disciples (John 6:66)

#### B. Good

1. Moses (Heb 11:24-26)
2. Caleb (Numbers 14:24, 37-38)
3. Joshua (Josh 24:15)
4. Daniel

### 3. End Results of Choices

A. We need to see what we lose or gain when we make choices.

B. When passions rule our life instead of priorities we become prisoners to those passions.

C. To live for yourself, with only today in view, will always be costly.

D. Small compromises often lead to bigger sacrifices.

Close:

Max Jukes lived in New York. He did not believe in Christ or in Christian training. He refused to take his children to church, even when they asked to go. He has had 1,026 descendants; 300 were sent to prison for an average term of thirteen years; 190 were public prostitutes; 680 were admitted alcoholics. His family, thus far, has cost the state in excess of \$420,000. They made no contribution to society.

Jonathan Edwards lived in the same state, at the same time as Jukes. He loved the Lord and saw that his children were in church every Sunday, as he served the Lord to the best of his ability. He has had 929 descendants, and of these 430 were ministers; 86 became university professors; 13 became university presidents; 75 authored good books; 7 were elected to the United States Congress. One was vice president of his nation. His family never cost the state one cent but has contributed immeasurably to the life of plenty in this land today.