

Genesis 13 Devotions

☐ Monday - The Weight of Riches.

Genesis 13:2

“Now Abram was very *rich* in livestock, in silver and in gold” (Gen. 13:2). The word “rich” is the Hebrew *kabed*, which literally means “heavy”. “There is a burden of care in getting riches, fear in keeping them, temptation in using them, guilt in abusing them, sorrow in losing them, and a burden of account at last to be given up about them. Yet God in his providence sometimes makes good men rich, and thus God’s blessing made Abram rich without sorrow (Prov. 10:22). Though it is hard for a rich man to get to heaven, yet in some cases it may be (Mk. 10:23-24). Outward prosperity, if well managed, is an ornament to piety, and an opportunity for doing more good” (Matthew Henry).

Read 1 Timothy 6:9-10, 17-19

☐ Tuesday - The World is Watching.

Genesis 13:7

“And there was strife between the herdsmen of Abram’s livestock and the herdsmen of Lot’s livestock. Now the Canaanite and the Perizzite were dwelling then in the land” (Gen. 13:7). God’s people were quarreling and the inhabitants of the land were watching. Christian, the world is watching your character, conduct, and countenance. Based on what they see, they will either glorify the Lord (Mt. 5:16), or blaspheme His holy name (Rom. 2:24; Ezek. 36:20-22). Therefore, “Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven” (Mt. 5:16).

Read 1 Peter 2:12

☐ Wednesday - Choose Wisely!

Genesis 13:10-11

“So Lot chose for himself all the valley of the Jordan; and Lot journeyed eastward. Thus they separated from each other” (Gen. 13:11). How many imperil the good of their souls for the prospect of worldly advantage. Lot had considered very carefully the economic factors of his decision, but he totally neglected the spiritual dimensions. The results were catastrophic: [1] Lot’s “righteous soul was vexed” (2 Pet. 2:7-8); [2] He lost his wife because of her attachment to Sodom (Gen. 19:26); [3] Lot’s daughters caused him to commit incest, because of the moral values they had learned in Sodom (19:31-36). [4] The offspring of those incestuous relationships, Moab and Ammon, became Israel’s mortal enemies (Gen. 19:37-38). Read Joshua 24:15; 1 Kings 18:21

☐ Thursday - Modus Operandi.

Genesis 13:10-15

Lot’s way of getting ahead was to look out for number one. Abraham’s way to blessing was looking up to Number One. Which is your mode of operation?

Read Proverbs 3:5-7

☐ Friday - My Lot in Life.

Genesis 13:14-16

The Lord said to Abram, “I will make your descendants as the dust of the earth” (Gen. 13:14-16). As Abram surveyed the land, he could see the fertile soil of the Jordan valley where Lot was headed, but only desert dust where he would live. Yet God used that very dust as a symbol of future blessing. God will cause you to blossom where He has planted you. Read Jeremiah 29:11