

Living Life for the Long Hall

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I. Introduction.

- A. Genesis 13:2-13.
- B. To end life well you must start off well.
- C. If you have not started life out well sometimes you have to make a change.

II. Lot and Abraham.

- A. They were both righteous men. (2 Peter 2:8)
- B. Lot was raised in a sophisticated place and he made a decision afterwards to go to Sodom based on the sight of his eyes.
- C. Abraham gave Lot the choice of which land to choose because he trusted in the Lord to bless him regardless. Abraham's faith enabled him to be who he was.
- D. Lot moved down to Sodom and became part of it. The city was guilty of Sodomy, greed, and pride.
 - 1. When you conquer the world politically, the next temptation you fall into is sexual temptation.
 - 2. David illustrates this with his adultery with Bathsheba.
 - 3. We must beware the love of money. (Proverbs 30:8-9)
 - 4. Be careful to promise God you will give more if you make more because He may make you a liar.
 - 5. Give and it will be given to you. The price we pay over riches is the price we receive in the next life. (Luke 6:38)
 - 6. Look for opportunities to give.
 - 7. The purpose of giving is not to get rich but to glorify God.
 - 8. Beware the sin of Cain. (1 John 3:10)
 - 9. Beware of strife arising from pride. (Proverbs 15:4)

III. Who will we live our lives for? We live for God. (1 Corinthians 15:1-4)

- A. The gospel is the death, burial and resurrection of Christ.

B. Jesus died to save us from the penalty of sin, the power of sin and the presence of sin.

1. Jesus rose again to give us victory over sin. (Romans 5:10)
2. Jesus will come again to salvage us from the presence of sin. (1 Peter 1:5)

C. We know the right way—the godly way. (Jeremiah 6:16)

1. The good road comes from the risen Savior.
2. When Jesus went to heaven He sent the Holy Spirit who is infinite to indwell each one of us.
4. We ought to have a servant attitude.
5. We break our problems through God—He is our sufficiency. (2 Corinthians 3:5)

Application questions

1. How is it that someone can be righteous like Lot but still go down the path of destruction? Explain.

2. Why are we incapable of living for God on our own? How has God enabled us?

3. What is the main characteristic that Abraham showed that Lot did not? How can you cultivate this same characteristic in your own life?
