

Lesson #4 From Abraham: Godly Character
Text: Genesis 11:27-25:11
Series: Book of Genesis, #10
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Theme: God's Friends Display Godly Character.

Examples Of Abraham's Display Of Godly Character.

1. Ready belief and obedience.

(12:1-9; 13:14-18; 15:1-21; 17:1-21; 22:1-9; see also Hebrews 11:8-10, 17-19)

- 2. Accurate perspective on material things. (13:2-9; 14:22-23; 24:35; see also Hebrews 11:9-10, 13:5-6)
- 3. Genuine care for others. (14:1-6; 18:20-33)

Factors In The Development Of Godly Character.

- 1. Remember that your character is important to God. (see 1 Samuel 16:7; 1 Chronicles 28:9; 2 Chronicles 16:9; 1 Peter 1:13-16)
- 2. Realize that every day brings opportunities and tests. (12:10-20 & 20:1-18)
- 3. Always maintain vital contact with and trusting obedience in God. (12:1-8, 13:14-18, 15:1-2)
- 4. Make the most of today. (see Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Joshua 24:14-15)

In My Life This Week

(As you use this daily guide, write out your observations and responses on a separate piece of paper and save them with this sheet for reference.)

Monday. In our last look at Abraham yesterday we focused on character, godly character. Write out a brief definition or description of character. Review the three examples of Abraham's godly character traits. Now evaluate your own character in light of them, noting both strengths and weaknesses.

Tuesday. Developing godly character is an ongoing process. Today think about the first factor we listed — remembering that your character is important to God. Review the Biblical references and any notes you made on Sunday on this point. How important is continuing to develop godly character to you?

Wednesday. Developing godly character involves realizing that every day brings opportunities and tests as well as keeping in vital contact with and trusting obedience in God. Walk through yesterday, listing the opportunities and tests and evaluating your fellowship with God. Give God thanks for His blessings and provisions. Ask Him to help you be faithful in these things today, and day by day.

Thursday. The fourth factor we noted on developing godly character is to make the most of today—every day. This is built on the previous three factors. It is based on the importance, potential and power of the present moment in building godly character. How have you been doing this week in making the most of each day? Indifference and procrastination are killers of godly character development.

Friday – Saturday. Sunday we plan to move on in Genesis to look at Isaac and family problems. Our text will include 24:1-67, 25:19-34 and 27:1-46. Take an overview of this section in preparation for Sunday.