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"The uncommitted life isn't worthy of living"

Marshall Fishwick - American Writer



Do We Live In Spiritual Sodom & Gomorrah?

Genesis 19:1-17, 21-26

Are we lingering in worldliness?

Lot is an example of a true Christian, "who appears to know far more than he lives up to; he can see and understand far more than he practices".



Considerations: Lot & Lot's Wife

- Lot represents those who, "dread personal sacrifice and shrink from self-denial".
- Lot represents those who, "cannot do battle with their sin".

Luke 17:26-32 "Remember Lot's wife"

- She sought to save her "life" (material possessions, etc.), but lost it.
- She sought to save the way of life (prominence) or manner of living.
- I John 2:15 "Love not the world..."



Ancient Israel and the Covenant Agreement

- Exodus 19:1-8 "...if you will obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be My possession...a kingdom of priests and a holy nation...All that the Lord has spoken we will do..."
- Genesis 2:23-24 Marriage is a symbol of oneness and commitment
- With Covenant comes commitments of the parties making the agreement / legal contract.
- Consequences of our choices are things we do not want to consider.



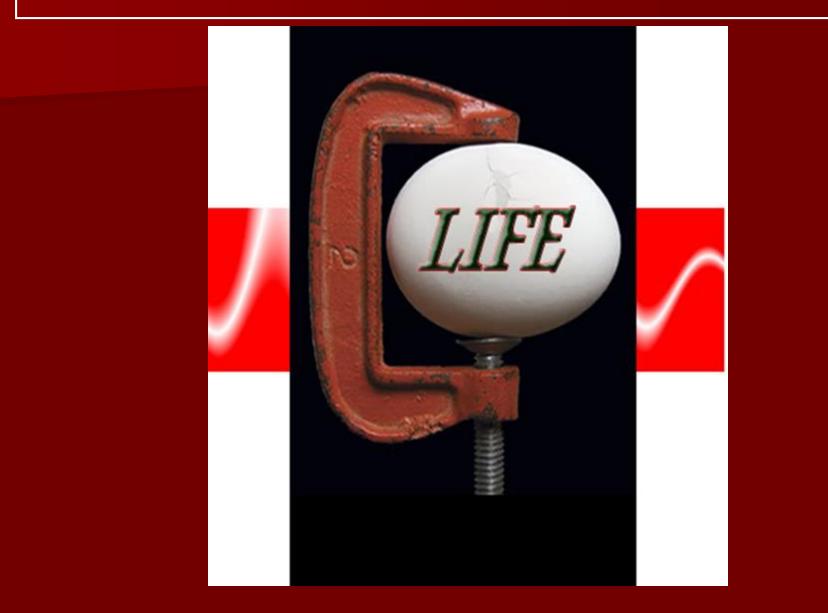
Use of Faith / Element of Risk

- Ecclesiastes 11:1 / Faith has risk / "Cast your bread on the surface of the waters, for you will find it after many days."
- Song of Solomon 3:1-5 / <u>Commitment</u> / "...I sought him, but did not find him...I found him whom my soul loves; I held on to him and would not let him go..."
- Hosea 4:1-2 / Knowledge & Acknowledgment of God / "Listen to the word of the Lord...For the Lord has a case against the inhabitants of the land, because there is no faithfulness or kindness or knowledge of God in the land..."
- Joel 2:13-15/ <u>Readiness & Preparation</u> / "And rend your heart and not your garments...consecrate a fast, proclaim a solemn assembly."

Faith is the willingness to risk anything on God.

Jack Hyles

Pressures of Life



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Matthew 10:34-39 – Evaluate Ourselves

– Peer Pressure

 Proverbs 1:10 "My son, if sinners try to lead you into sin, do not go with them."

– Family Pressure

 Luke 14:26 "If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters yes, even their own life—such a person cannot be my disciple."

Pressure of Living in this World

 James 1:3-13 "because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything..."

Devotion vs. Dedication

- Is there really a difference between devotion and dedication?
- Difference:
 - Devotion refers to a great love or used in a religious setting.
 - Dedication refers to a person's general attitude or a commitment towards upholding a principle.
 - Devotion presents a strong feeling of love or loyalty towards another being or task.

"Renew Your Devotion..."

Revelation 2:4-5

- Devotion means "to vow completely" or "dedicated by a vow".
- Baptism is an outward show of devotion to give your life to God; complete dedication, total surrender.

