

IKEA Gen. 13; Luke 18:9-14; Rev. 3

Think about our pursuit and our necessity to intimately know Jesus Christ. Not head knowledge but heart knowledge. Do you know Him? Do you meet and commune with Him? The most generous, kindest person alive is not able to escape God's punishment for sin outside of His provision for sin- Jesus Christ. Do we live in that reality or do we drift away from it? We're all in this together regardless of our social standing; all in need of the Saviour. Do we understand that? Abram and Lot couldn't live together because of their many possessions. Though we sing Jesus, be the centre; You are my all in all, as born again believers we can be in danger of still pursuing things. We need to grab hold of our thoughts and heart and make sure we are not going after the dollar. We are to be different than the world. We claim to trust Jesus but we're still looking for a bigger bank account. We need to be reminded that the important thing is family, and togetherness, not a double income.

Abram allowed his nephew to choose first where he would live. How many of us allow others to choose first? Lot took the choice land. Are we guilty of looking out for our own best interest, of pushing people out of the way in order to go first? Do we push our spouses out of the way, our children? Young people, do you push parents out of the way to get what you want? We need to repent and turn from our wicked ways and apologize. **Intimate Knowledge and Eliminate Apathy.** Start looking out for #1; and it's not you, it's Jesus. What would Jesus have me do? Who's interest would He have me seek out? **Matt. 18-** we are guilty of pride and arrogance; of thinking of self before others. Pastors are called to equip the saints for works of service. So what are we doing for the Kingdom in committed, regular service? The two greatest problems in the world are ignorance and apathy. The world suffers from a lack of knowledge of who God really is. **Psalm 1** says don't stand with the ungodly but that's what we are doing through the things we watch, read and listen to. Some of the things we are walking through right now are because we allowed ungodly content into our homes and didn't take a stand. Whatever you plant will give a harvest somehow; garbage in -garbage out. Do you know where you stand? Do you stand in awe of God or self? These are hard times and we may think we are hard pressed, but have we cancelled the cable? Are we still eating out? Are we rationing the food? Let's keep it real, we are looking at the supply when we should be looking to the source. We should be gathering for prayer, and we're not. God allows adversity into our lives for a purpose but we focus on the problem rather than the plan, purpose and promise of God. **Jer. 29:11.** Only babies have their eyes on the supply. Those who are mature seek the source. May we alleviate ignorance from our lives, may we eliminate apathy in our homes and churches. May we be willing participants and not passive spectators in the kingdom of God. Have you honoured Him and kept His word? You may be tired and weak but take heart, but little is much when God is in it. Carry on in Jesus name.