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## **Galatians 6:9-10 (NIV)**

**[9] Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.**

**[10] Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.**

## **Hebrews 12:16-17 (NIV)**

**[16] See that no one is sexually immoral, or is godless like Esau, who for a single meal sold his inheritance rights as the oldest son. [17] Afterward, as you know, when he wanted to inherit this blessing, he was rejected. He could bring about no change of mind, though he sought the blessing with tears.**

# **WHAT do You VALUE?**

**Genesis 25:27-34**

**Esau** - a skilled hunter lived the life of a **TOTAL NOMAD**, a man of the outdoors

**Jacob** - a shepherd and **SEMI-NOMAD**, a simple man, stable, civilized and cultured.

## Genesis 25:23 (NLT)

And the LORD told her, “The sons in your womb will become two nations. From the very beginning, **the two nations will be rivals. One nation will be STRONGER** than the other; and **your OLDER son WILL SERVE** your YOUNGER son.”

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**DIFFERENCE** in our Lives  
- they can **SHAPE** what  
we **BECOME**

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# The **BIRTHRIGHT** Recipient...

- became **LEADER** of the family
- received the **PROMISES** of God
- became **PRIEST** for the family

**Genesis 25:34 (NIV)**

Then Jacob gave Esau some bread and some lentil stew. He **ATE** and **DRANK**, and then **GOT UP** and **LEFT**.

**So Esau DESPISED his birthright.**

## Hebrews 12:16-17 (NET)

And see to it that no one becomes  
an **IMMORAL** or **GODLESS** person  
like **Esau**, who **SOLD** his own birthright  
for a single meal.

[17] For you know that later when he wanted to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no opportunity for repentance, although he sought the blessing with tears.

Esau had **NO** sense of **SPIRITUAL  
VALUES**. He is an example of anyone who  
**VALUES Immediate Gratification**  
beyond spiritual heritage.

## What we **TRULY VALUE** is seen by

- looking at the **CHOICES** we make
- watching the **WAY** we live
- observing **HOW** we **SPEND** money
- listening to **WHAT** we **TALK** about

**What is MY red stew?** ...We are in constant danger of being tempted to give up something very **PRECIOUS** in order to indulge a sudden strong desire.

...The red stew that is dangerous to you and to me is **any temptation to gratify the feelings of the IMMEDIATE MOMENT** in a way that shows we **DESPISE** the **promises of the living God** for our future.

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# Questions

1. Does what we VALUE affect the choices we make? How?
2. How can we change this if we are making bad decisions?
3. What is good about the fact that we Cannot FOOL God?