

PURPOSE BUILT

Part 2: Living Bigger

LIVING A BIGGER LIFE

A. Conventional wisdom

1. Having more stuff - challenge here is comparison
2. Having more power - power does not give you character, it often shows it up
3. Having more influence, notoriety, popularity - challenge is what do you have to give up

B. You can live bigger

1. Starts with a bigger purpose
2. Jesus, our example, was conscious of His big purpose **(Mark 10:45 NKJ)**
3. Having a heart for God and people is a key to a bigger life - big purpose, big life

A MAN WHO LIVED BIG (Genesis 13:8-18 NIV)

A. Abram valued his relationship over his possessions

1. Knew there should not be fighting and arguing over resources
2. Put value in his relationship with his nephew Lot
3. Came up with a workable solution - did not appear to be win/win

B. Abram trusted that God would help him

1. He was the one with the relationship with God
2. Trusted God enough to treat his nephew with honor

C. God gave Abram more

1. God gave him a bigger vision
2. God gave him a bigger promise - all the land he could see including where Lot lived
3. At first it looked as if Abram lost out, got shorted, but God
4. Now Abram walked in the land with a new perspective

YOU WERE BUILT FOR LIVING BIGGER

A. Put a high valuation on people

1. People more important than stuff **(Luke 12:13,15 NLT)**
2. Treat people better than they deserve - you will not lose out in the long run

B. Trust that God will help you

1. It's fear that too often holds us back
2. The more you trust, the more free you become **(Hebrews 13:5-6 NKJ)**

C. Trusting God and valuing people expands your world

1. It takes the limits off because you are not just living for you
2. Enables you to "lift up your eyes"