

“FOR ONE MORSEL”

INTRODUCTION

A. Hebrews 12:14-17

We should strive to avoid becoming like Esau, who was a “*profane*” man because he sold his birthright for something trivial.

B. Genesis 25:29-34

Consider the circumstances when this man gave up a great blessing from God.

I. HUNGER & FATIGUE AFFECT DECISION-MAKING

A. 1st Kings 19:1-17

Elijah despaired of his life and wanted it over, so God let him rest and fed him before sending him on his next assignment.

B. Matthew 4:1-4; Genesis 3:6

Remember, Satan has, more than once, tempted souls to sin with something as minor as food. It’s not all about greed and sex.

C. Genesis 2:1-3; Exodus 20:8-11

God never needed rest, but he exemplified it anyway, showing mankind that we do need it! The Sabbath law is not bound upon anyone now living, but from it we learn the need to work hard and rest before working hard again.

Let’s try not to make important decisions when we are hungry, tired, or, worse, both!

If we must make urgent decisions under those circumstances, let us have the wherewithal Jesus did when the devil came to Him in the desert. Furthermore, let us be patient and allow others the opportunity to rest and eat before we demand answers from them about important matters.

II. RASH DECISIONS HARM CHILDREN

A. Genesis 27:1-29; 1st Chronicles 18:12-13

The birthright Esau forfeited was a blessing from his father, backed by God, whereby Esau and his descendants the Edomites would be ruled over by Jacob and his descendants the Israelites.

B. Proverbs 13:22; 2nd Corinthians 12:14_b

Fathers have a material duty to their children to save up and provide for them, not to deprive them of a beneficial future by wickedly short-sighted choices made in desperate moments. How many parents choose a lottery ticket instead of setting aside funds for their kids' future? How many choose bad ha

C. Colossians 3:21; Ephesians 6:4

Fathers need to avoid angering their children, and, positively, they need to teach their children God's ways.

III. BODILY SATISFACTION IS NOT WORTH SPIRITUAL SATISFACTION

A. Genesis 28:10-15

The birthright Esau forfeited was more than a material benefit; it was deeply spiritual, too. He surrendered being the forebear of the Christ.

B. 1st Corinthians 6:13

We must never let our stomachs dictate our decisions!

C. Matthew 6:25-34

Bodily needs are met after we focus on spiritual needs.

D. Mark 8:34-37

Jesus asked what a man would give in exchange for his soul. Another way of putting that is: What's your stew?