

## The Choice Of Lot Genesis 13:1-13

### Many varied examples in Scripture

Abraham used multiple times regarding value of faith  
Joseph and Esther certainly demonstrate God's care for His people  
Job teaches patience and trust in trial  
Nadab and Abihu teach regarding obedience  
Lot, Abraham's nephew, teaches us about making choices  
    The importance of making proper choices  
    Things to consider when making choices

### Lot's Story Genesis 12-19

Abraham's nephew who sojourned with him - **Genesis 12:5; 13:1**  
    A man who like his uncle became quite wealthy - **Genesis 13:2-5**  
    Combined wealth, forced them to separate - **Genesis 13:6-9**  
Given the opportunity to choose where he could go...  
    Choice looked good on surface - **Genesis 13:10-12**  
    But it resulted in much sorrow and hardship for Lot!  
As a result of his choice, Lot suffered...  
    War - **Genesis 14:11**; Kidnapping - **Genesis 14:12**  
    Oppression/torment by Sodomites - **Genesis 19:1-11; 2Peter 2:7-8**  
    Loss of all his material wealth - **Genesis 19:15-16,24-25**  
    The death of his wife - **Genesis 19:17,26**  
    The shame of incest with his daughters - **Genesis 19:30-36**  
All happened despite fact Lot himself a righteous person - **2Peter 2:7-8**  
Lot impress importance of making proper choices....  
    Some of the choices we make that greatly affect our lives  
    Some suggestions on how to make the right decisions  
    What to do when we realize that we have made the wrong ones

### Our Choices

Choice to serve Jesus has bearing on every other choice you make - **Matthew 16:24-25**  
Choice of mate affects all parts of life  
Career choice also important  
Choices regarding retirement  
Choosing your Friends  
    Having close friends can be wonderful blessing - **Proverbs 17:17**  
    Wrong friends be curse for righteous - **1Corinthians 15:33**  
Choosing Where You Will Live  
    Might just be there are modern-day "Sodom" & "Gomorrah"!  
    Even 'smaller' issues - Distance from family, brethren; doctors

### How can we more likely make right choice?

Ask God for wisdom - **James 1:5**  
Seek advice from others - **Proverbs 11:14; Proverbs 12:15**  
    Discuss your alternatives with older, mature Christians  
    Consult wisdom found in Bible (especially like Proverbs)  
Whatever do, do it for Lord's sake - **Psalms 37:5-6; Psalms 37:23-26; James 4:15**

### What to do when realize choice was wrong?

Do what Lot did ...  
    Heed the word of God (as in fleeing Sodom and Gomorrah)

Do what is right without reservation (remember Lot's wife!)

Do what Peter did after he denied Christ - **Matthew 26:75**

Repent, if there is sin involved in the choice made - **1John 1:9**

Resolve to serve the Lord

Do what Paul did after persecuting the church...

Accept the forgiveness Jesus provides

Determine to live for Lord rest of life to best of your ability - **1Timothy 1:15-16**

Wrong thing is to continue in choice because of pride or some other reason! (although are some choices we must live with...)

### **The example of Lot shows ...**

Importance of making proper choices

Proper consideration is needed in all choices

"Remember Lot" next time are faced with any decision...

Seek to make decision based upon will of Lord and not your own

Your eternal destiny (those you love) might rest on your choice!

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